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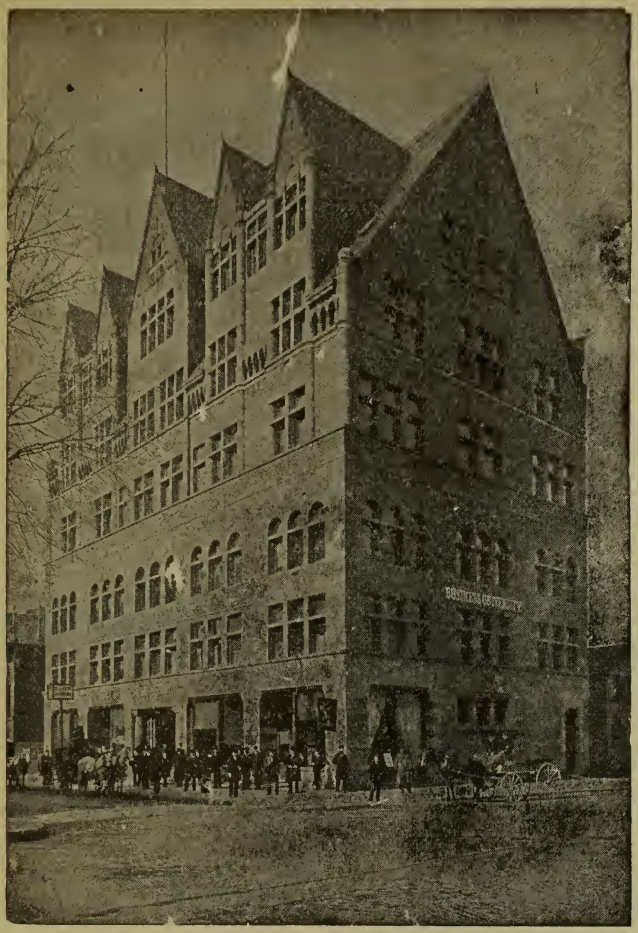

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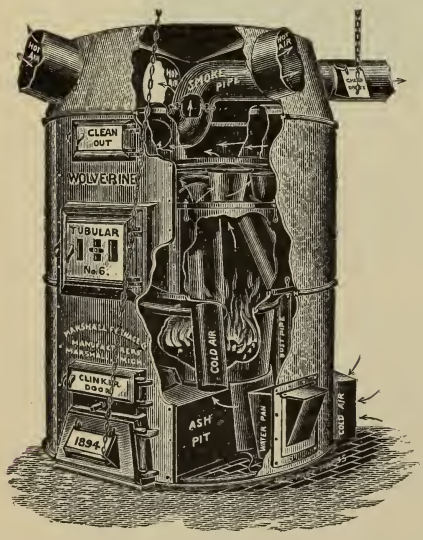

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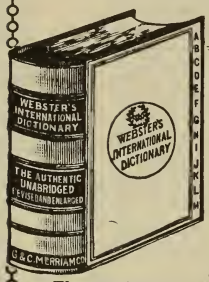

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August 16, 1843	Ann Arbor, Mich.	J. Soule	J. S. Harrison.
October 2, 1844	Coldwater, Mich.	L. L. Hamline	H. Colclazer.
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September 15, 1847	Ypsilanti, Mich.	T. A. Morris	E. H. Pilcher.
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September 5, 1849	Adrian, Mich.	L. L. Hamline	E. H. Pilcher.
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September 16, 1857	Lansing, Mich.	Beverly Waugh	R. C. Crawford.
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September 14, 1859	Marshall, Mich.	E. S. Janes	R. C. Crawford.
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September 8, 1875	Battle Creek, Mich.	L. Scott	G. B. Jocelyn.
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Name.	Born.		Died.		Joined Michigan Conference.	Entered Regular Ministry.
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Dan Barnes	1785		Sept. 8, 1840	Brownstown, Mich.	1837	Genesee, 1810.
Shadrack Ruark			May 17, 1846	Lawrenceville, Ill.	Orig. mem. 1836	Ohio, 1813.
Jonathan E. Chaplin	1789	Chaplin, Conn.	Sept. 15, 1846	White Pigeon, Mich.	Orig. mem. 1836	Ohio, 1834.
Thos. Fox	May 17, 1817	New York City	Aug. 30, 1847	Northville, Mich.	1841	Michigan, 1841.
Allen Staples	July 15, 1810	Cheshire, Mass.	Oct. 20, 1847	Albion, Mich.	1836	Michigan, 1836.
Gideon J. Shurtleff	July 9, 1812	Verona, N. Y.	Feb. 28, 1849	Richmond, Mich.	1840	Michigan, 1840.
Josiah Brakeman			July 19, 1849	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1837	Genesee, 1830.
Octavius Mason	Sept., 1795		Oct. 5, 1850	Burlington, Mich.	1849	Genesee, 1834.
George King	Jan. 14, 1816	Newham, England	Oct. 27, 1850	Wayne, Mich.	1838	Michigan, 1838.
John Erkanbrack	April, 1790		May 7, 1852	Bronson, Mich.		1817.
Judson D. Collins	1824	Rose, N. Y.	May 12, 1852	Lyndon, Mich.	1845	Michigan, 1845.
Lee McQuigg	1827		Oct. 15, 1853	Shiawassee, Mich.	1850	Michigan, 1850.
Nelson Barnum	Jan. 12, 1811	Shoreham, Vt.	Aug. 5, 1854		1844	Michigan, 1844.
Clark T. Hinman	Aug. 3, 1819		Oct. 21, 1854	Troy, N. Y.	1846	Vermont, 1841.
Ransom Goodale	1818	Washington Co., N. Y.	Aug. 8, 1855	Farmington, Mich.	1848	Michigan, 1848.
J. J. Whitmore	1829	Chautauqua Co., N. Y.	Aug. 12, 1855	Bennington, Mich.	1852	Michigan, 1852.
Seth B. Finch	1829		March 6, 1857	Osseo, Mich.	1853	Michigan, 1853.
George Bignell			Dec. 31, 1858			
John K. Gillet	Feb. 21, 1817	Hopewell, N. Y.	June 27, 1860	Grand Rapids, Mich.	1835	Michigan, 1835.
Newland Cleveland		Pennsylvania	May 7, 1862	Shiloh, Tenn.	1859	Am. Wesleyan Ch., 1855.
Samuel A. Osborn	1816		May 14, 1862	Tekonsha, Mich.	1845	Michigan, 1845.
Wm. C. Comfort			June 15, 1862	Hillsdale, Mich.	1841	Michigan, 1841.
Amos Benson			Jan. 16, 1863	Northport, Mich.	1860	Michigan, 1860.
Oscar F. Chase	1826		Oct. 17, 1863		1860	
Washington I. Blowers	Jan. 19, 1835	Burlington, N. Y.	Jan. 10, 1865	Nashvile, Tenn., in army	1862	Michigan, 1862.
Peter Greensky	1807		April 8, 1866	Sun Lake, Mich.	1860	Michigan, 1860.
Hiram Law	Sept. 4, 1816	Leroy, N. Y.	Sept 9, 1866	Mosherville, Mich.	1841	Michigan, 1841.
Joseph Jennings	Jan. 8, 1821	Clarkston, N. Y.	May 23, 1867	Battle Creek, Mich.	1842	Michigan, 1842.
Elijah Crane	1801	Bethel, Vt.	April 23, 1868	Litchfield, Mich.	Orig. mem. 1836	New York, 1822.
A. L. Hoag	1832	Tioga Co., N. Y.	Dec. 4, 1869	Woodland, Mich.	1862	
David Thomas	1812		Jan. 11, 1870		1840	Michigan, 1840.
Wm. Hott			Sept. 26, 1870			
George Bradley	May 31, 1810	Hopewell, N. Y.	April 15, 1871	New York City	1838	Michigan, 1838.
Myron B. Camburn	Nov. 8. 1820		Oct. 17, 1871	Sherman, Mich.	1846	Michigan, 1846.
Wm. McKnight	April 17, 1815	Rootstown, Ohio	March 28, 1872	Greenbush, Mich.	1850	Michigan, 1850.
Wm. Ford	Oct. 28, 1821	Greenville, N. Y.	Oct. 21, 1872	Paw Paw, Mich.	1871	Troy, 1842.
Jesse E. McAllister	1824	New Hampshire	Dec. 14, 1872	Litchfield, Mich.	1851	Michigan, 1851.
Edgar Beard	Oct. 29, 1830	Connecticut	Mar 4, 1873	Centerville, Mich.	1858	Michigan, 1858.
Rezin Sapp	Feb., 1816	Mt. Vernon, Ohio	May 5, 1873	Grand Rapids, Mich.	1838	Michigan, 1838.
Jas. L. Child			Sept. 10, 1873	Denver. Col.	1859	F. W. Baptist Church.
Lyman C. Austin	July 3, 1846	Macon, Mich.	Dec. 24, 1873	Pewamo, Mich.	1869	Michigan, 1869.
George L. Gilbert	1836	Philadelphia, Penn.	Sept. 2, 1874	Lyons, Mich.	1868	Michigan, 1868.
Wilson Gray	Oct. 1, 1835	Armagh, Ireland	Dec. 19, 1874	San Jose, Cal.	1863	Michigan, 1863.
Benj. Sabin	March 1, 1790	Thompson, Conn.	Feb. 17, 1875	Homer, Mich.	1839	New England, 1810.
James E. Bayliss	Sept. 18, 1841	Wales, N. Y.	Oct. 5, 1875	Grand Rapids, Mich.	1875	Michigan, 1875.

Nathan Mount	1821	Harrisburg, W. Va.	Feb. 8, 1876	Barrien Springs, Mich.	1841	Michigan, 1841.
Larmon Chatfield		Windham, N. Y.	July 23, 1876	Portland, Mich.	Orig. mem. 1836	Ohio, 1835.
Henry Penfield	Nov. 30, 1813	Westmoreland, N. Y.	Jan. 19, 1877	Three Rivers, Mich.	1843	Michigan, 1843.
George B. Jocelyn	Jan. 3, 1824	New Haven, Conn	Jan. 17, 1877	Albion, Mich.	1869	Indiana, 1843.
James Hulin	Dec. 6, 1830	Startington, Can.	May 9, 1877	Middleville, Mich.	1875	M. E. Church, Can., 1856
David Burns			July 27, 1877	Albion, Mich.	Orig. mem. 1836	Ohio, 1833.
Joseph Jones		England	1877	Baltimore, M. D.	1861	Michigan, 1861.
Fred M. Deitz		Webster, N. Y.	Sept. 11, 1877	Northport, Mich.	1866	Michigan, 1866.
Gilbert A. Phillips	July 14, 1837	Glen Ross, Ontario	Nov. 4, 1877	Lyons, Mich.	1868	Michigan, 1868.
Samuel S. Wilson	July 21, 1835	Hope, Ontario	Jan. 18, 1878	Parkville, Mich.	1869	Michigan, 1869.
Thos. Cleghorne	1821	Ogdensburg, N. Y.	Feb. 24, 1878	Casnovia, Mich.	1871	Can. Wesleyan Ch., 1846.
Israel Cogshall	Sept. 22, 1820	Glennville, N. Y.	April 7, 1879	Coldwater, Mich.	1843	Michigan, 1843.
Benj. F. Doughty	Nov. 11, 1824	Schoduck, N. Y	June 8, 1879	Sturgis, Mich.	1847	Michigan, 1847.
Wm. F. Jenkins			Feb. 13, 1879			
Moss I. Smith	Aug. 11, 1826	Ridgefield, Conn.	Oct. 21, 1880	Union City, Mich.	1857	Michigan, 1857.
Wm. M. Ball	May 17, 1845	Dansville, Mich.	Jan. 8, 1881	Parma, Mich.	1868	Michigan, 1868.
James W. Robinson	April 20, 1827	Washington, Ohio	Jan. 13, 1881	Hilliards, Mich.	1851	Michigan, 1851.
Wm. H. Perrine	Oct. 8, 1827	Lyons, N. Y.	Jan. 22, 1881	Albion, Mich.	1851	Michigan, 1851.
E. C. Chambers	1813		March 11, 1881	Victor, Mich.	1854	Michigan, 1854.
Henry Worthington	March 12, 1815	Springfield, Mass.	July 10, 1881	Dowagiac, Mich.	1839	Indiana, 1838.
Otis L. Gibson	July 20, 1831	Pomfret, Vt.	Nov. 14, 1881	Otsego, Mich.	1881	E. Genesee, 1858.
Daniel D. Gillet	Dec. 21, 1818	Hopewell, N. Y.	May 6, 1882	Hillsboro, Dakota	1854	Michigan, 1854.
Amos T. Gray	Aug. 1, 1838	Mercer Co., Pa.	May 17, 1882	Fowlerville, Mich	1867	Wes. Meth. Ch., 1863.
Alvan Billings	Sept. 25, 1802	Conway, Mass.	July 6, 1882	Marquette, Mich.	Orig. mem. 1836	Ohio, 1828.
Wm Bronson	April 12, 1822		Feb. 22, 1883	Irving, Mich	1869	E Genesee, 1852.
Joseph Greenstead	March 10, 1855	Chatham, England	June 5, 1883	Litchfield, Mich.	1877	Michigan, 1877.
Jeremy Boynton	Sept. 20, 1824	Evansville, N. Y.	Sept., 1883	Stanton, Mich.	1845	Michigan, 1845.
Valmore G. Boynton	Jan. 22, 1818	Leroy, N. Y	Oct. 12, 1883	Mattawan, Mich.	1844	Michigan, 1844.
Wm. E. Newlon	June 27, 1848	Allegheny Co., Penn.	July 11, 1884	Jackson, Mich.	1875	Michigan, 1875.
Francis D. Hemenway	Nov. 10, 1830	Chelsea, Vt.	April 19, 1884	Evanston, Ill.	1861	Vermont, 1854.
Thos. J. Congdon	Jan. 10, 1825	Coburg, Canada	Feb. 5, 1884	Los Gatos, Cal.	1855	Michigan, 1855.
Horace Hall	Feb. 26, 1819	Middlebury, N. Y.	March 14. 1884	Niles, Mich.	1842	Michigan, 1842.
W. W. Elder	Jan. 30, 1843	Rockport, Ind.	May 11, 1884	Valpariso, Ind.	1878	N. Y. East, 1870.
Wm. Doust	Feb. 22, 1828	Kent Co., England	May 20, 1885	Paw Paw, Mich.	1855	Michigan, 1855.
Wallace S. Foster	Oct. 9, 1851	Alexandria, N. Y.	Aug. 31, 1885	Osseo, Mich.	1882	Michigan, 1882.
A. L Crittenden	Nov. 14, 1814	Walworth, N. Y.	Oct. 21, 1885	Howell, Mich.	1854	Michigan, 1854.
Noah Fassett		Shelby, N. Y.	Nov. 7, 1885	Eaton Rapids, Mich.	1847	Michigan, 1847.
Franklin Gage	Sept. 13, 1815	Vergennes, Vt.	Jan. 1, 1886	Colon, Mich.	1840	Indiana, 1838.
Andrew J. Van Wyck	April, 1836		Jan. 10, 1886	Casnovia, Mich.	1857	Michigan, 1857.
Stephen Nelson	Feb. 7, 1837	Yarm, England	July 3, 1886	Elsie, Mich.	1880	Michigan, 1880.
Henry M. Joy			Sept. 30, 1886	Greencastle, Ind.	1859	Michigan, 1859.
Elijah H. Dissette	April 11, 1848	Portsmouth, Ontario	Nov. 13, 1886	Nashville, Mich.	1883	N. Ohio, 1872.
Andrew M. Fitch	March 15, 1815	Cherry Valley, N. Y.	Jan. 8, 1887	Albion, Mich.	1836	Michigan, 1836.
James P. Force	July 14, 1831	Aurora, N. Y.	May 26, 1887	Keelerville, Mich.	1868	N. Indiana, 1860.
James T. Robe	April 12, 1807	Woodbridge, N. J.	Jan. 31, 1888	Kalamazoo, Mich.	1833	Illinois, 1832.
Isaac Taylor	July 30, 1823	Chatham, Canada	Oct. 3, 1888	Dawson, Dakota	1849	Michigan, 1849.
Carmi C. Olds	March 21, 1815	Grandville, N. Y.	Nov. 22, 1888	Lansing, Mich.	1850	Rock River, 1848.
John C. Ambrose	Sept. 1, 1848	Piqua, Ohio	Dec. 15, 1888	Jackson Creek, Nev.	1884	Cincinnati, 1872.
Jas. H. Richards	Sept. 16, 1835	Michigan	Dec. 30, 1888	South Haven, Mich.	1864	Michigan, 1864.
Frank L. McCoy	1855	Ireland	Feb. 13, 1889	Calcutta, India	1877	Michigan, 1877.
Wm. M. Coplin	April 5, 1828	Ira, N. Y.	Aug. 15, 1889	Jackson, Mich.	1856	Michigan, 1856.
Geo. W. Hoag	May 13, 1822	Charlotte, Vt.	May 16, 1890	Albion, Mich.	1847	Cumberl'd Pres. Ch., 1843.
Newland M. Steele	Feb. 24, 1836	New Britain, Conn.	May 17, 1890	Harrison, Mich.	1858	Michigan, 1858.
John B. Knott	July 29, 1843	Toronto, Canada	June 16, 1890	Berlin, Mich.	1879	M. E. Ch. of Canada, 1858.

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.—CONCLUDED.

Name.	Born.		Died.		Joined Michigan Conference.	Entered Regular Ministry.
	When.	Where.	When.	Where.		
Gould E. Matthews	Dec. 29, 1844	Freeport, Ohio	Aug. 16, 1890	Nashville, Mich.	1885	Michigan, 1885.
Wm. J. Aldrich	June 7, 1836	Brunswick, Ohio	Sept. 23, 1890	Muskegon, Mich.	1865	Michigan, 1865.
Geo. C. Elliott	May 23, 1815	Florida, N. Y.	Oct. 23, 1890	Dowagiac, Mich.	1868	Oneida, 1843.
Joseph T. Iddings	July 24, 1829	Dayton, Ohio	April 12, 1891	Albion, Mich.	1870	N. Indiana, 1863.
Wm. Jennings	Nov. 20, 1851	Halestown, England	March 26, 1891	Augusta, Mich.	1887	Newfoundland, 1874.
Francis B. Bangs	March 23, 1819	Stafford, N. Y.	May 20, 1891	Eaton Rapids, Mich.	1840	Michigan, 1840.
Chas. Chick	Jan. 20, 1883	Goudhurst, England	Aug. 2, 1891	Whitehall, Mich.	1857	Michigan, 1856.
George A. Van Horne	Aug. 5, 1815	Sussex Co., N. Y.	Sept. 11, 1891	Plainwell, Mich.	1858	Newark, 1856.
Wm. H. Brockway	Feb. 24, 1813	Vermont	Oct. 21, 1891	Albion, Mich.	Orig. mem. 1836	Ohio, 1824.
Isaac Bennett	April 22, 1810	Ross, Ohio	Feb. 20, 1892	Quincy, Mich.	Orig mem. 1836	Michigan, 1836.
Harrison Morgan	Aug. 14, 1814	Turin, N. Y.	Aug. 2, 1892	Lakeside, Mich.	1845	Michigan, 1878.
Grosvenor Daniels	Nov. 2, 1850	Birmingham, Mich.	Aug. 9, 1892	Denver, Col.	1878	Michigan, 1878.
James Roberts	April 7, 1838	Sharon, Mich.	Dec. 6. 1892	Albion, Mich.	1863	Michigan, 1863.
Ira R. A. Wightman	March 30, 1836	Trenton, N. Y.	Dec. 10, 1892	Albion, Mich.	1863	Michigan, 1863.
Irvin E. Robinson	Dec. 18, 1865	Sodus, N. Y.	Dec. 26, 1892	Fairbury, Neb.	1891	Michigan, '91, probation.
Augustus H. Gillett	Oct. 8, 1848	Dexter, Mich.	Jan. 1, 1893	DeFuniak Springs, Fla.	1871	Michigan, 1871.
James W. Reid	April 7, 1837	Machias, Maine	Jan. 21, 1893	Grand Rapids, Mich.	1868	Michigan, 1868.
S. C. Woodard	June 17, 1819	Cohocton, N Y.	July 30, 1893	Ovid, Mich.	1841	Michigan, 1841.
Warren P. Clark	Jan. 28, 1871	Nottawa Prairie, Mich.	April 10, 1893	Nottawa Prairie, Mich.	1891	----------
M. W. F. Smith	June 22, 1847	Magnolia, Ill.	Sept. 17, 1893	Potterville, Mich.	1878	Iowa, 1868.
Stephen M. Merritt	May 6, 1826	Western N. Y.	Nov. 20, 1893	Coldwater, Mich.	1872	East Genesee, 1856.
Francis Glass	April 25, 1812	Creve, Ireland	Dec. 11, 1893	Grand Rapids, Mich.	1848	English, 1840.
Asahel C. Beach	May 1, 1822	Hamilton, N. Y.	Dec. 25, 1893	Belding, Mich.	1854	Michigan, 1854.
Abraham H. Yokom	July 10, 1848	Newaygo, Canada	Feb. 18, 1894	Byron Centre, Mich.	1889	West Wisconsin, 1884.
Elisha Marble	May 25, 1822	Adams, N. Y.	March 29, 1894	Harbor Springs, Mich.	1851	Michigan, 1851.
Eri H. Day	June 15, 1818	Springwater, N. Y.	March 31, 1894	Cadillac, Mich.	1845	Michigan, 1845.
Oresta S. Paddock	Aug. 31, 1849	Boylston, N. Y.	May 28, 1894	Hanover, Mich	1878	Michigan, 1878.
Samuel D. McKee	Sept. 7, 1847	Erin, Ontario	Nov. 17, 1894	Climax, Mich.	1878	Michigan, 1878.
Samuel Kitzmiller	Nov. 16, 1832	Gettysburg, Pa.	Jan. 8, 1896	Kalamazoo, Mich.	1873	Detroit, 1866.
John M. Reid	May 30, 1820	New York City	May 16, 1896	New York City	1868	New York, 1844.
John Clubine	Sept 14, 1828	West Moreland, Pa.	June 13, 1896	Mosherville, Mich.	1855	Michigan, 1855.

CONFERENCE ROLL

AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS, PROBATIONERS AND SUPPLIES.

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4.	Aylesworth, Wm. W.	Kinderhook
S.	Bacon, E. D.	286 8th Ave., Grand Rapids
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S.	Barnes, G. S.	Petoskey
	Barnes, N. M.	Hubbardston
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	Barth, Wm. L.	Coldwater
	Beach, J. C.	Kalkaska
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	Brown, George A.	White Pigeon
	Brown, N. P.	Luther
	Buell, J. I.	Ionia
	Buell, G. A.	Dowagiac
	Buell, J. W.	Prairieville
	Bullen, George	Potterville
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	Coors, A. H.	Clare
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	DeLamarter, Louis	Kalamazoo
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N.	Riehl, D. C.	848 Putnam Ave., Detroit
S.	Riley, Thomas	Lansing
	Robinson, G. S.	Harbor Springs
4.	Robinson, Wm. A.	Elm Hall
S.	Rolfe, A. A.	Station D., Los Angeles, Cal.
N.	Rood, H. H.	Turner, Ill.
N.	Rood, H. L.	Lawton
S.	Rork, W. W.	Agnew
	Rowland, W. D.	Harrison
3.	Ruoff, Jacob L.	Sherwood
	Savits, L. A.	Camden
	Sheehan, J. W.	Tekonsha
S.	Sherman, G. W.	499 Cass Ave., Grand Rapids
	Shier, Richard	Muskegon
	Sincleir, E. L.	Shelby
	Skinner, I. H.	Ashley

	Name.	Postoffice.
	Skinner, H. D.	Perrinton
4.	Slee, Robert J.	Byron Center
	Smith, Albert	East Springport
N.	Smith, B. W.	Bijou Hills, S. Dakota
	Smith, C. W.	Scottsville
	Snyder, Sanford	Hersey
	Sprague, J. A.	Springport
	Stacey, W. H.	Otsego
S.	Stark, J. K.	Midland
S.	Steele, Salmon	Northport
N.	Steffe, J. W.	Whitehall
	Stephens, A. A.	Bath
S.	Stevens, E. G.	Traverse City
	Stewart, A. K.	Orleans
	Stinchcomb, W. R.	Greenville
	Strickland, S. C.	Homer
	Sturgis, A. H.	Ludington
S.	Swift, W. J.	Lansing
N.	Taft, H. S.	Marysville, Mont.
S.	Tallman. I. B.	Watervliet
	Tanner, E. A.	Pentwater
S.	Tanner, J. H.	Big Rapids
	Taylor, W A.	Grand Ledge
	Tench, Edwin	Litchfield
N.	Theobald, C. H.	Copemish
	Thomas, C. G.	Sturgis
4.	Thomas, Louis L.	Evanston, Ill.
	Thompson, F. L.	Lansing
	Thompson, H W.	Colon
	Thompson, W. H.	Meadville, Pa.
	Tindall, R. W.	Ashton
	Tiney, S. C.	Woodville
	Tower, L. L.	Lakeview
S.	Treadgold, Elight	Luther
	Trewin, Samuel	Parkville
	Trott, Arthur	Lake Odessa
3.	Tubbs, Chauncy D.	Evanston, Ill.
	Tuthill, G. W.	Centreville
	Tuttle, Nelson S.	Gobleville
3.	Tullar, Edgar C.	Jackson
	Upton, Jay C.	Jackson
	Urch, W. H. B.	Mason
	Valentine, J. S.	Stanton
	Van Antwerp, C. T.	Comstock
	Van DeWalker, F. A	Woodland
	Van Schoick, R. W.	Coldwater
	Varion, George	Lake City
	Varnum, C. A.	Leslie
	Vickers, J. W.	Reading
S.	Wakefield, Amos	Middleville
	Wallace, I. W.	Osseo
S.	Ward, D. M.	Farmington
	Watkins, O. D.	Inland
	Webster, James	Marengo
4.	Weeks, George W	McBain
S.	Welch, R. C.	124 Dearborn Ave., Chicago, Ill.
	Welch, C. M	Sheridan
	Weldon, I. T.	Bangor
3.	Wesbrook, James H.	Bowne
	Wheeler, Clark S.	Grand Rapids
	Wheeler, A. J.	Watervliet
	White, Joshua	Jonesville
S.	White, J. E.	Middleville, Barry Co.
	White, J. W.	South Butler
3.	Whitman, Prentice E.	Northport
S.	Whitman, B. H.	Ironton
N.	Wightman, O. E	Newaygo
N.	Wigle, Eli	Grand Rapids
	Wilks, Joseph	Provo, Utah
	Williams, A. S.	Lawton
	Wilson, Isaiah	Marshall
	Wilson, W. J.	Nashville
	Wood, E. W.	Calkinsville
3.	Woods, Merrick W.	Empire
S.	Woodard, D. C.	Ovid
3.	Woodlock, Alfred L.	Greencastle, Ind.
4.	Wooton, Ralph	Freeport
	Wright, John M.	North Muskegon
	Wright, R. A.	Mt. Pleasant
3.	Wright, Wm. H.	Saranac
S.	Young, E. D.	124 N. Mich. Ave., Battle Creek
	Young. Thos.	Duplain
S.	Younglove, W. N.	Lawrence
3.	Zedler, John	Bronson

PROBATIONERS, SECOND YEAR.

Name.	Postoffice.
Aldrich, Willard	Croton
Boone, Thomas	Caledonia
Cosner, Frederick M	Monterey
Davis, Edwin W.	Lowell
Deal, Clarence E.	Climax
Flewelling, Ralph T.	Bellaire
Keene, Charles L.	Lawrence
Kennedy, Hugh	Sherman
Laity, Thomas	Bloomingdale
Millard, Geo. R.	Frontier
Mumford, Arthur W.	Waldron
Phelps, William H.	Martin
Quant, Henry R. E.	Partello
Simmons, Arthur W.	Okemos
Slee, J. William	Ada
Wylie, Herbert E.	Kingsley
Yost, Richard E.	Clarion
Youngs, Benson J.	Breckenridge

PROBATIONERS, FIRST YEAR.

Name.	Postoffice.
Bird, John Day	Freesoil
Carman, Albert E.	Caldwell
DeLong, John S.	Coleman
Hipp, Henry G.	Nashville, Tenn.
Johnson, William A.	Lacota
Kendrick, William F.	Battle Creek
Kirby, J. Edward	Wheatland
McDonald, James D.	Mosherville
Manning, Lewis H.	Big Rapids
Meader, Robert E.	Augusta
Mullen, Mathew	Ashland
Reusch, Moses E.	Alden
Rochelle, James W.	Vergennes
Silverthorn, Bert A.	Liberty

SUPPLIES.

Name.	Postoffice.
Allen, W. W.	Fennville
Aylesworth, R. P.	Leonidas
Brownell, M. J.	Hesperia
Biery, John	Pittsford
Burt, E.	Boone
Batterbee, R.	Central Lake
Burge, J.	Bear Lake
Burge, Geo. H.	Charlotte
Barnes, G. W.	Copemish
Blake, F. A.	Leaton
Carpenter, L. B	Cross Village
Clutterbuck, J. G.	Stetson
Dimond, Geo.	Jackson
Deal, Willard	Keeler
Day, Geo. B.	Stittsville
Doty, Wm. E.	Entrican
Holcomb, W. H.	Ravenna
Hoover, J. H.	Breckenridge
Hubble, E. B.	Chippewa Lake
Haywood, Chas.	Cannonsburg
Harring, Elton	Ionia
Jacobs, John	Kewadin
Johnson, A. B.	Crystal
Kruse, C. J.	Edgerton
Lee, D. R.	Robinson
Massey, W. J.	Millbrook
McMillan, E. W.	McClure
Medawis, Lewis	Nottawa
Manning, W. P.	Cadillac
Mershon, J. L	Alanson
Marshall, C. W.	Wayland
McComb, A. H.	Charlevoix
Parsons, A. C.	Edmore
Phillips, J. G.	Berlin
Rickard, F. H.	Torch Lake
Riggs, W. M. D.	Benzonia
Smith, H. W.	Traverse City
Skinner, J. R.	Burr Oak
Weston, N. W.	Sethton
Wilcox, J. H.	Oshtemo
Worden, G. W.	Bankers
Wilcox, W. J.	Burlington
Westover, J. M.	Holton
Woodmansee, F. M.	Chase
Walker, M. S.	Middle Branch

CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1. The Conference shall meet at 8:00 a. m., spending 30 minutes in devotional exercises and adjourn at 12 m., but may alter the time of meeting at their discretion; and provided also that on the second day of the Annual Session the Conference shall be adjourned by expiration of time at 10 a. m.

2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by devotional exercises including reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and shall have the journal of the preceding day read and approved.

3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of an appeal the question shall be taken without debate.

4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time.

5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary or any member requests it.

6. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

7. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time and shall be decided without debate.

8. When a motion, resolution or report presented is read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed as in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before the decision or amendment.

9. No new motion or resolution shall be made until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene, which motion shall have precedence in the order named, viz.: The previous question, indefinite postponement, laying on the table, reference to a committee, postponement to any given time, amendment or substitute.

10. Whenever any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the affirmative to move for a reconsideration.

11. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when said question is put by the President except by leave of the Conference, or when such member has been necessarily absent.

12. Every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference for special reasons excuse him.

13. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall arise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President.

14. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than five minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference, nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

15. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities or disrespectful language, but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

16. It shall be in order to move that the question shall be taken without further debate, on any measure pending before the Conference, except in cases where character or conference relations are involved, and if sustained by a two-thirds vote, the question shall be so taken.

CONFERENCE RULES.

Rule 1. No member shall absent himself from the session of the Conference without leave, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

2. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the Conference proceedings which he shall cause to be published in the annual minutes, and, when so published, it shall be the official journal of this Conference. He shall edit the minutes and all memoirs, and shall make contracts for the publication thereof for the next ensuing annual Conference. He shall have charge of the journal and Conference files, and forward them to the seat of the next annual Conference. He shall cause to be deposited with the librarian of Albion college the ancient documents of this Conference.

3. All committees whose reports are to be printed in the minutes shall present their reports in duplicate, one copy for the Conference, and another for the committee on publication of the minutes, otherwise the committee on publication is not required to insert such reports in the minutes.

4. All candidates for readmission, for admission on trial, and for admission on credentials from other churches, shall be required to appear before the committee on Conference Relations.

5. All persons while passing the disciplinary course of study, who shall be reported below seven, or who shall be deficient in the required reading, shall be required to pass another examination on the studies so reported, or to make up the deficient reading; and the chairman of the examining committee shall give notice to the Conference Secretary and to the deficient party. All examining committees shall mark candidates upon a scale running from one to ten.

6. A member of the Conference accused of offenses against the law and discipline of the church, is entitled to a copy of the charges and specifications to be relied on for the prosecution of the complaint, together with a notice of the time when the accused will be called upon to answer said charges and specifications. A failure to serve a copy of said charges and specifications a reasonable length of time before the same shall be presented for adjudication must be satisfactorily explained by the prosecution before the trial can proceed.

7. Conference visitors shall be allowed fifteen minutes in which to address the Conference. Presiding Elders' Reports shall be limited to ten minutes, and reports of committees, except the Board of Stewards, to five minutes.

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FIRST DAY.

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1896.

The sixty-first session of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in the Central M. E. Church, Lansing, Michigan, at 9 a. m., September 16, 1896.

Bishop John M. Walden called the Conference to order and read scriptural lessons. Hymn 446 was sung. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders and the Pastor of Central Church.

Roll Called.—P. J. Maveety, the Secretary of the last session, called the roll and the following members of the Conference answered to their names:

Henry Abraham, Levi Aler, E. A. Armstrong, E. V. Armstrong, Wm. W. Aylesworth, D. F. Barnes, G. S. Barnes, N. M. Barnes, C. L. Barnhart, W. L. Barth, J. C. Beach, J. H. Bennett, Corbin P. Birdsey, N. L. Bray, R. H. Bready, J. A. Bready, N. L. Brockway, C. F. Brown, G. A. Brown, N. P. Brown, J. I. Buell, J. W. Buell, Geo. Bullen, A. W. Burnes, L. W. Calkins, M. M. Callen, J. W. H. Carlisle, A. O. Carman, M. D. Carroll, J. W. Cawthorn, H. C. Chamberlain, G. D. Chase, W. H. Choate, W. I. Cogshall, W. Z. Cole, J. C. Cook, A. H. Coors, F. W. Corbett, Tho. Cox, A. E. Craig, J. G. Crozier, J. W. Davison, Wm. L. Davison, J. N. Dayton, J. A. DeGraff, L. DeLamarter, W. W. Divine, John Dobson, W. J. Douglass, G. C. Draper, J. P. Durham, Wellington Earl, L. W. Earl, C. W. East, A. J. Eldred, A. N. Eldred, W. I. Elmer, J. H. Emmons, Wm. A. Exner, J. C.

Floyd, H. H. Ford, Jno. W. Foy, F. J. Freeman, W. P. French, W. A. Frye, T. T. George, N. E. Gibbs, Wm. F. Glass, O. J. Golden, G. W. Gosling, A. M. Gould, John Graham, D. A. Green, Louis Grosenbaugh, Arthur M. Griffith, Jehiel Gulick, J. W. Hallenbeck, James Hamilton, J. W. Hart, W. J. Hathaway, H. R. Hawley, Willard Heath, A. N. Henne, S. P. Hewitt, G. S. Hickey, J. W. Horner, Sam'l I. Horr, G. W. Howe, John Hoyt, T. H. Jacokes, C. A. Jacokes, F. N. Janes, W. W. Johnson, A. C. Jones, C. W. Jones, William Judd, E. L. Kellogg, A. R. Keillor, L. B. Kenyon, George Killeen, D. D. King, John Klose, G. B. Kulp, W. W. Lamport, Elisha W. Laing, W. L. Laufman, Thomas Leaman, L. E. Lennox, E. G. Lewis, M. F. Loomis, Luther E. Lovejoy, O. R. Lovejoy, A. T. Luther, Eden R. Lyon, N. D. Marsh, D. D. Martin, Jacob Marzolf, Uri Mason, Levi Master, E. O. Mather, L. S. Matthews, P. J. Maveety, J. P. McCarthy, J. W. McDougall, R. S. McGregor, Chas. M. Merrill, R. N. Middleton, W. S. Moore, A. P. Moors, W. P. Mosher, G. L. Mount, A. F. Nagler. Charles Nease, J. C. Newcomer, A. D. Newton, F. L. Niles, G. A. Odlum, J. F. Orwick, B. F. Paddock, Chas. H. Palmatier, D. W. Parsons, W. H. Parsons, L. N. Pattison, Joseph B. Peatling, O. H. Perry, J. F. Peschmann, J. H. Pitezel, W. M. Puffer, J. W. Rawlinson, David E. Reed, Thomas Riley, G. S. Robinson, Wm. A. Robinson, H. H. Rood, W. D. Rowland, L. A. Sevits, J. W. Sheehan, E. L. Sinclier, I. H. Skinner, H. D. Skinner, Rob't J. Slee, Albert Smith, C. W. Smith, Sanford Snyder, W. H. Stacey, Salmon Steele, A. A. Stephens, A. K. Stewart, W. R. Stinchcomb, S. C. Strickland, A. H. Sturgis, W. J. Swift, H. S. Taft, I. B. Tallman, W. A. Taylor, Edwin Tench, F. L. Thompson, C. G. Thomas, S. C. Tiney, L. L. Tower, Samuel Trewin, Arthur Trott, Nelson Tuttle, J. C. Upton, W. H. B. Urch, J. S. Valentine, F. A. Van DeWalker, R. W. Van Schoick, George Varion, C. A. Varnum, J. W. Vickers, Amos Wakefield, James Webster, Geo. W. Weeks, C. M. Welch, James H. Wesbrook, Clark S. Wheeler, A. J. Wheeler, J. White, J. W. White, A. S. Williams, Isaiah Wilson, W. J. Wilson, E. W. Wood, Ralph Wooton, R. A. Wright, Wm. H. Wright, Thomas Young.—207.

Probationers Present.—Frederick M. Cosner, James E. Foote, Rob't D. Freeman, Geo. K. Fairbanks, Wm. L. Holmes, Loren P. Richtmyer, Geo. W. Maxwell, Ralph Newman, Upton E. Partridge, Wm. H. Phelps, John Zedler, Willard Aldrich, Albert E. Carman, Clarence E. Deal, Edwin W. Davis, Ralph T. Flewelling, Hugh Kennedy, Thomas Laity, Lewis H. Manning, Arthur W. Mumford, Geo. R. Millard, Henry R. E. Quant, Herbert Wiley, Richard E. Yost, Benson J. Young.—25.

Deceased.—The following were reported deceased: John Clubine, Samuel Kitzmiller, J. M. Reid.

Secretary.—On motion of Levi Master, P. J. Maveety was elected Secretary by acclamation.

Statistician.—On motion of A. J. Wheeler, Charles Nease was elected Statistician by acclamation.

Treasurer.—On motion of E. V. Armstrong, J. C. Newcomer was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Assistant Secretaries.—P. J. Maveety nominated the following as assistant secretaries and they were elected: M. M. Callen, C. W. East, A. T. Luther, Arthur Trott, W. H. B. Urch.

Assistant Statisticians.—Charles Nease nominated the following as assistant statisticians, and they were elected:

Albion District: D. D. King, C. A. Varnum.

Big Rapids District: A. F. Nagler, A. H. Coors.

Coldwater District: J. W. Hart, N. S. Tuttle.

Grand Traverse District: G. S. Robinson, J. A. DeGraff.

Ionia District: W. J. Wilson, C. M. Welch.

Kalamazoo District: J. B. Peatling, E. O. Mather.

Lansing District: D. D. Martin, H. L. Potter.

Niles District: W. J. Douglas, S. I. Horr.

Assistant Treasurers.—J. C. Newcomer nominated the following as assistant treasurers, and they were elected: J. C. Cook, W. H. Stacey, G. A. Brown.

Rules of Order.—Rule two of the Conference Rules of Order was changed so that it shall read as follows:

The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by devotional exercises including reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and shall have the Journal of the preceding day read and approved. The Conference Rules of Order of the last session so amended were adopted.

Bar.—On motion of J. W. H. Carlisle the Bar of the Conference was fixed at a line drawn across the Church from the projections in the wall immediately south of the large windows.

Standing Committees.—The standing committees nominated at the last session were read, amended and adopted as follows:

Auditing: J. W. Davids, J. C. Beach, W. A. Taylor.

Book Concern Accounts: G. C. Draper, E. A. Armstrong, Thomas Cox.

Bible Cause: C. A. Varnum, F. W. Corbett, J. W. Vickers.

Conference Claimants: M. M. Callen, Isaiah Wilson, Delos Cronk, L. W. Calkins, E. F. Newell.

Conference Relations: W. H. Parsons, A. F. Hart, C. L. Barnhart, E. G. Lewis, W. A. Frye.

Church Extension: Conference Church Extension Society officers.

Delegates to Fraternal Bodies: Pastors in cities where Fraternal Bodies meet.

District Conference Records: A. J. Wheeler, D. A. Green, W. H Wright.

Education: Louis DeLamarter, A. C. Jones, J. C. Cook

Epworth League: M. F. Loomis, W. P. Mosher, W. A. Taylor.

Memorials: G. L. Mount, N. L. Bray, J. P. MacCarthy.

Publication of Minutes: Secretary and Statistician.

Periodicals: W. H. B. Urch, W. I. Elmer, W. J. Hathaway.

Revival Band: G. S. Robinson, G. B. Kulp, T. T. George.

Public Worship: Presiding Elder and Pastor where Conference is held.

Sunday School and Tracts: D. D. Martin, A. T. Luther, C. M. Welch.

State of the Church: R. H. Bready, G. A. Odlum, A. P. Moors, G. W. Tuthill, S. C. Strickland.

Temperance: G. W. Tuthill, F. L. Thompson.

Woman's Work in the Church: W. J. Wilson, S. C. Strickland, George Killeen.

W. W. Lamport was added to the Board of Stewards in the place of G. W. Buell.

Committee on Nominations.—On motion of G. W. Gosling, a Committee on Nominations for Committees for next session was ordered.

Visitors.—The following visitors were introduced to the conference: Geo. P. Mains, one of the Publishing Agents of the Methodist Book Concern at New York; M. C. B. Mason, one of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and E. P. Bennett, of the Northwest Indiana Conference.

Book Concern Dividend.—Geo. P. Mains addressed the Conference and presented a check for $2,759 as the dividend of the Book Concern for the Michigan Annual Conference.

Chartered Fund Dividend.—And $22 from the Chartered Fund.

M. C. B. Mason addressed the Conference in the interest of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Parkhurst Fund Dividend.—G. W. Gosling moved that an order be drawn on the Treasurer of the Parkhurst Fund for accrued interest, which carried.

Classes for Admission.—The Bishop called the names of the class for admission into full connection with the Conference and requested them to examine carefully the questions to be propounded to candidates for admission, and also to furnish to the Secretary written certificates according to the action of the last General Conference.

D. W. Parsons moved that the time be extended, which motion prevailed.

All the members of the Conference sustaining a supernumerary or superannuated relation were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Committees in Cases of A. N. Henne and T. R. Rible.—On motion of W. I. Cogshall, the following were appointed a committee of inquiry in the cases of A. N. Henne and T. R. Rible: N. L. Bray, L. Grosenbaugh, J. B. Pinkoard, D. D. Martin, Wm. Denman.

Episcopal Fund Apportionment.—The Bishop announced that the sum of $2,628 had been apportioned to this Conference to be raised for the Episcopal Fund. The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to apportion this and all other apportionments among the Districts.

Committee on Ministerial Qualifications.—On motion of J. G. Crozier, the following were appointed a committee on Ministerial Qualifications in the cases of applicants for admission on trial: A. P. Moors, A. H. Coors, J. White, G. B. Kulp, A. F. Hart, Willard Heath, George Donaldson, George Killeen, G. C. Draper.

Gospel in all Lands.—On motion of W. M. Puffer, Wm. A. Exner was appointed to take subscriptions for The Gospel in All Lands.

Methodist Review.—On motion of G. W. Gosling, F. W. Corbett was appointed to take subscriptions for The Methodist Review.

Documents were referred to the various committees by the Bishop.

D. W. Parsons was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises tomorrow.

On motion of John Graham, Mrs. J. Clubine was referred to Conference Board of Stewards, with recommendation that she be made a claimant this year.

A. M. Gould presented his resignation as Conference Trustee, which was accepted, and C. L. Barnhart was elected to fill the vacancy.

After announcements were made the Bishop addressed the Conference.

On motion of M. M. Callen, the Conference adjourned, the Bishop pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, September 17, 1896.

Conference met at 7:30 a. m., the Bishop in the chair. D. W. Parsons conducted devotional exercises. The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

Conference Trustee.—On motion of A. M. Gould, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for C. L. Barnhart as Conference Trustee. The ballot was so cast and he was declared elected.

Roll of Absentees.—The Secretary called the roll of absentees and the following answered to their names: Clinton H. Anderson, D. O. Ball, Delos Cronk, J. C. Dietrick, Irving Eagle, A. T. Ferguson, A. A. Geiger, C. E. Hoag, Jno. C. Jewell, M. W. Knapp, Jacob Messner, Arthur J. Morris, E. F. Newell, Willard E. Ogden, Jacob L. Ruoff, Richard Shier, E. A. Tanner, Lewis L. Thomas, H. W. Thompson, C. T. Van Antwerp, I. W. Wallace, Eli Wigle.

The following Probationers answered to their names: Chas. A. Brown, Chauncey D. Tubbs, William Slee.

The Statistician read the list of charges from which incorrect reports had been received.

On motion of J. W. Buell, the Treasurer was requested to occupy the room in the Church assigned him by the Pastor.

Plan for Support of Conference Claimants.—On motion of P. J. Maveety, the Board of Stewards was constituted a committee to consider the present plan for the support of Conference claimants and report before the close of the present session such modifications of the plan as in their judgment ought to be made.

Bishop's Address.—The Bishop addressed the Conference on the subject of the order of service and the importance of using the Hymnal in all the Church services.

Excused.—The Board of Stewards were excused.

Resolution.—J. W. Buell offered the following resolution which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

WHEREAS, There are at present many hymn books purporting to be adapted to revival meetings; therefore

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to canvass the subject of the best hymn book for that purpose and report some time during this session of Conference.

J. W. Buell, M. D. Carrell.

Introductions.—The following were introduced to the Conference: E. W. McMillan of the Nebraska Conference, and A. J. Mead of the Wisconsin Conference.

Transfer.—The Bishop announced the transfer of Isaac H. Riddick from the Detroit Conference to this Conference and he was introduced.

The Thirteenth Question.—"Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up and the following Presiding Elders were called, their characters were passed and they reported their districts: John Graham, Albion district; L. E. Lennox, Big Rapids district; R. W. Van Schoick, Coldwater district; W. I. Cogshall, Grand Rapids district; E. L. Kellogg, Grand Traverse district; J. I. Buell, Ionia district; Levi Master, Kalamazoo district; J. W. H. Carlisle, Niles district; G. S. Hickey, Lansing district.

Presentations.—J. W. McAllister, on behalf of the preachers of Lansing district, expressed appreciation for Bro. Hickey's social ability, pulpit ministration and efficient supervision of the affairs of the district during the six years of his presiding eldership, and as a token of such appreciation presented him with a gold watch, a gift from the preachers of the district.

Introductions.—The following were introduced: Arthur Edwards, Editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate; J. F. Berry, Editor of the Epworth Herald; L. R. Fiske, President of Albion College; James S. Harvey, Treasurer and Superintendent of Wesley Hospital of Chicago.

On motion of G. W. Gosling, Rule 1, providing for adjournment at 10 a. m. on the second day of the Conference, was suspended.

Voting on Constitutional Questions.—On motion of W. I. Cogshall the voting on Constitutional questions submitted by the General Conference was made the special order for Saturday immediately after the reading of the Journal.

Arthur Edwards.—Arthur Edwards addressed the Conference in the interest of the Northwestern Christian Advocate.

J. F. Berry.—J. F. Berry in the interest of the Epworth Herald.

J. S. Harvey.—James S. Harvey in the interest of Wesley Hospital.

L. R. Fiske.—L. R. Fiske presented the report of the Board of Trustees of Albion College which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Time was extended.

On motion of J. Hamilton, it was ordered that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 1:30 p. m. this afternoon.

Hymn No. 211 was sung and Arthur Edwards led in prayer.

Semi-Centennial Sermon.—A. J. Eldred then preached a semi-centennial sermon from Eph. 3:8. W. W. Johnson led in prayer.

C. H. Payne Introduced.—C. H. Payne, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced.

Nominating Committee.—The Presiding Elders reported the Nominating Committee as follows: J. F. Orwick, G. D. Chase, W. A. Taylor, James Hamilton, N. L. Bray, D. D. Martin, W. A. Frye, E. O. Mather, L. Grosenbaugh.

Committee on Wesley Hospital.—A committee on Wesley Hospital was appointed as follows: W. I. Elmer, C. M. Welch, L. N. Pattison.

A. T. Luther was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises at the afternoon session.

After singing "How happy every child of grace" the Conference adjourned, A. J. Eldred pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 1:30 p. m., the Bishop in the chair. A. T. Luther announced hymn No. 279, and A. P. Moors led in prayer. The Journal of the morning's session was read and approved.

Communications were received and referred to the Committees on Education and Temperance.

World Wide Missions.—On motion of P. J. Maveety, W. W. Aylesworth was appointed to collect subscriptions for World Wide Missions.

Committee on Episcopal Residence.—On motion of G. W. Gosling, the following were appointed as committee on Episcopal residence: W. P. French, W. J. Wilson, W. A. Frye.

On motion of L. E. Lennox, N. P. Brown was excused from attendance on today's session.

Conference Claimants Plan.—G. W. Gosling, chairman of the Board of Stewards, presented a report recommending that all moneys on hand for Conference claimants be distributed as heretofore, and that the one per cent paid by some of the ministers be returned to them.

After a minority report by James Hamilton and an amendment by A. E. Craig were ruled out of order, and a substitute by P. J. Maveety was voted down, the whole subject was recommitted to the Board of Stewards and D. F. Barnes, A. P. Moors and A. E. Craig were added to the Board for the consideration of this subject.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned to meet at 5 p. m. The Bishop pronounced the benediction.

SECOND AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Bishop called the Conference to order at 5 o'clock.

"A charge to keep I have," was sung.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Introductions.—The following were introduced to the Conference: H. S. Jordan, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Lansing; A. S. Zimmerman, pastor of the Franklin St. Presbyterian Church, Lansing; F. A. Perry, pastor of Methodist Protestant Church, Lansing.

Plan for Conference Claimants.—G. W. Gosling presented the following as the report of the committee to which was recommitted the plan for the support of Conference Claimants:

Your committee to whom was recommitted the question of amending the Michigan Conference plan for distribution of Conference Claimants Funds so as to make it conform to the General Conference legislation on this subject have considered the matters referred to them and recommend the following as a substitute for the present plan:

Strike out all after first paragraph and insert as follows, viz.:

All moneys received by the Conference for distribution in aid of the support of Conference Claimants shall be divided into two sums. The first shall be called the Conference Claimant Fund, consisting of

1. The annual collection taken in the Churches for this purpose.
2. Proceeds from the Chartered Fund, Parkhurst Fund, Pierce Fund and Martha J. Van Horn Fund.
3. One-half the dividends from the Book Concern.
4. Specific gifts and bequests for this fund.

The Conference Claimants Fund shall be distributed annually on the basis of necessities of claimants.

The second shall be called the Special or Annuity Fund which shall consist of

1. One-half of the dividends of the Book Concern.
2. Dividends from the Methodist Publishing Company.
3. Interest on the moneys paid to the Conference Board of Trustees from the Preacher's Saving Fund Society.
4. Specific gifts and bequests for this fund.

The Special or Annuity Fund shall be distributed upon the following basis: Each superannuated minister shall be allowed annually $10 for each year of his effective service, each widow shall be allowed annually $5 for each year in which she was the wife of a minister during his effective service, each child under sixteen years of age of a deceased min-

ister shall be allowed annually $2 for each year of the father's effective service.

These claims shall be paid pro rata from the moneys in hand by the Conference Board.

The committee also recommend that all money paid to the Conference Treasury for the one per cent assessment shall be returned to those who paid the same.

G. W. GOSLING, *Chairman.*

After some discussion, the report was adopted.

On motion of A. E. Craig, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when the names of the claimants on the funds of the Conference shall be referred to the Conference Board of Stewards the action of the board shall be final.

A communication from the Rocky Beach Benevolent Association was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

List of Conference Claimants.—On motion of D. F. Barnes, the Board of Stewards was instructed to report back to the Conference for final action all cases which in their judgment should be stricken from the list of Conference Claimants.

N. L. Bray was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises tomorrow morning.

O. E. Wightman.—On motion of W. H. Parsons, the case of O. E. Wightman was referred to the committee appointed to inquire into the cases of A. N. Henne and T. R. Rible.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned, the Bishop pronouncing a benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Friday, September 18, 1896.

Conference met at 8 a. m., the Bishop in the chair. N. L. Bray conducted the devotional exercises. The Journal was read, amended and adopted. The Statistician called the list of charges from which no statistical reports had been received.

Proceeds of Sale of Olivet Church.—John Graham reported in his possession $544.62 as proceeds of the sale of the M. E. Church at Olivet, and on motion of D. W. Parsons the Conference ordered that the amount be turned over to the Treasurer of the Board of Conference Trustees, to be invested under the direction and approval of the Board of Trustees.

Bishop's Address.—The Bishop addressed the Conference on the importance of the mid-week prayer meeting and how to make the same interesting and profitable.

The Treasurer called a list of the charges not having been reported.

Introduced.—M. W. Gifford of the Detroit Conference was introduced.

Photograph.—On motion of G. W. Gosling it was ordered that the Conference meet on the east frontage of the State Capitol to have a photograph taken at 3:45 this afternoon.

The 13th Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher Examined," was taken up, and the names of the following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: A. E. Craig, William Denman, G. W. Tuthill, E. F. Newell, O. H. Perry, A. F. Hart, P. J. Maveety, J. F. Orwick, C. A. Varnum, Uri Mason, E. Tench, James Webster, I. Wilson, D. D. King, W. I. Elmer, G. L. Mount, J. W. Sheehan, Albert Smith, W. H. Choate, G. D. Chase, E. W. Wood, A. H. Coors, C. W. Smith, W. D. Rowland, A. D. Newton, W. L. Laufman, A. H. Sturgis, N. P. Brown, W. M. Puffer, N. D. Marsh, R. A. Wright, A. A. Geiger, A. F. Nagler, S. Snyder, J. W. White, J. W. Hart, G. W. Howe, Delos Cronk, J. B. Pincard, Adam Clark, J. White, W. H. Parsons, E. A. Armstrong, L. E. Sevits, W. A. Taylor, C. G. Thomas, E. V. Armstrong, J. Marzolf, R. Shier, H. C. Chamberlain, J. W. Buell, J. H. Bennett, A. W. Burns, J. W. Horner, J. S. Valentine, J. C. Floyd, J. Hamilton, G. A. Odlum, G. A. Buell, G. B. Kulp, J. N. Dayton, W. P. Mosher, Thomas Cox, C. W. Jones, C. A.

Jacokes, F. N. Janes, W. Earl, J. P. MacCarthy, R. N. Middleton, T. T. George, E. L. Sinclier, L. W. Calkins, H. Abraham, L. S. Matthews, J. W. Hallenbeck, J. A. DeGraff, L. Aler, G. S. Robinson, James Allen, J. C. Beach, George Varion, I. Eagle, W. Heath, R. S. McGregor, W. A. Frye, J. W. Davids, J. C. Deitrick, W. Judd, H. R. Hawley, D. F. Barnes, C. Nease, A. P. Moors, N. M. Barnes, W. J. Wilson, A. K. Stewart, J. Dobson, N. L. Bray, A. R. Keillor, N. E. Gibbs, C. M. Welch, A. C. Jones, C. T. Van Antwerp, M. F. Loomis, E. O. Mather, A. M. Griffith, George Donaldson, L. N. Pattison, L. DeLamarter, C. W. East, J. W. McDougall, W. H. Stacey, S. Trewin, W. J. Hathaway, J. F. Peschmann, S. C. Strickland, W. W. Lamport, J. W. McAllister, T. Young, A. A. Stephens, F. L. Niles, J. G. Crozier, J. W. Vickers, J. E. Messner, George Killeen, F. L. Thompson, A. T. Luther, A. O. Carman, W. H. B. Urch, A. Trott, J. Klose, A. T. Ferguson, H. D. Skinner, George Bullen, D. D. Martin, H. H. Ford, J. P. Durham, I. H. Skinner, I. T. Weldon, W. P. French, A. N. Eldred, W. W. Divine, A. J. Wheeler, G. W. Gosling, G. C. Draper, H. L. Rood, E. A. Tanner, J. H. Emmons, L. Grosenbaugh, F. W. Corbett, W. J. Douglass, R. H. Bready, W. H. Moore, A. S. Williams, H. H. Miller, L. L. Tower, O. R. Lovejoy, C. E. Hoag, F. W. Haist, H. W. Thompson, J. M. Wright, O. J. Golden.

The following effective Elders were called and their characters passed: J. H. Potts, B. E. Paddock, J. A. Bready, W. C. Longdon, Joseph Wilkes, J. C. Newcomer, A. M. Gould, M. D. Carroll, D. W. Parsons, J. W. Miller, O. D. Watkins, D. Engle, D. A. Green, W. R. Stinchcomb, F. A. Van DeWalker, J. C. Cook, J. C. Chase, L. Blanchett, R. W. Tindall, F. C. Lee, E. G. Lewis, J. W. Steffe, W. H. Thompson, J. H. Thomas, W. A. Prouty, J. J. Hartley, Joseph Wilks.

Excused.—The following were called and satisfactory reasons being given for leaving their work during the year their characters were passed: C. F. Brown, L. B. Kenyon, I. W. Wallace.

The following were excused for not attending the Conference: G. A. Buell, O. D. Watkins, D. Engle, D. A. Green, F. A. Van DeWalker, R. W. Tindall, W. A. Prouty.

Change of Relation.—The following desiring a change in their Conference relations were referrred to the Committee on Conference Relations: David Engle, A. R. Keillor, W. M. Prouty, J. W. Steffe.

George Donaldson requested a superannuated relation and the Committee on Conference Relations reported endorsing his request which was granted, and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards.

Transfers.—The Bishop announced the following transfers: E. V. Armstrong to the Wyoming Conference, J. H. Thomas to the Detroit Conference, J. J. Hartley from the Wisconsin Conference.

J. M. Wright.—On motion of W. I. Cogshall, the Bishop was requested to leave J. M. Wright without appointment to attend one of our schools.

W. H. Thompson.—On motion of G. S. Hickey, the Bishop was requested to appoint W. H. Thompson Superintendent of the Children's Home Society for the State of Pennsylvania.

C. H. Payne.—C. H. Payne, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, addressed the Conference.

A. J. Mead.—A. J. Mead, Superintendent of the American Bible Society addressed the Conference.

Wm. Dawe.—William Dawe, of the Detroit Conference, was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning the Episcopal residence at Detroit.

J. W. Brant.—Jno. W. Brant, of the North Ohio Conference, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, was introduced and on motion of F. L. Thompson was given ten minutes to present the interests of the League.

Frank M. Byam.—On motion of W. M. Puffer, Frank M. Byam, Wesleyan Guild Secretary of the Epworth League of Ann Arbor, was introduced and given five minutes to represent the work of the Guild.

W. F. Kendrick.—A. E. Craig moved that two minutes be granted W. F. Kendrick to represent the work of the Young People's Societies in connection with Albion College. The motion carried, he was introduced and addressed the Conference.

David Howell.—David Howell, State Superintendent of Missions of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the Conference.

Question 10 was Called, "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?"

The following were called, their characters passed, they made their reports, the Committee on Examination reported, they were represented by their Presiding Elders, passed in their studies, and were elected to Elders' Orders: Wm. L. Davison, Jay C. Upton, Clark S. Wheeler, Nelson S. Tuttle, Herbert L. Potter, Wm. A. Exner, Geo. A. Brown, Eden R. Lyon, Luther E. Lovejoy.

Change of Relation.—The following were called, their characters were passed, they were represented by their Presiding Elders, continued in the class of the fourth year; desiring a change of Conference relations they

were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, the first reporting his collections: Hale H. Miller, Arthur J. Morris.

The character of Walter Z. Cole was passed, he made his report, was represented by his Presiding Elder, and continued in the class of the Fourth year.

Committee in Case of A. N. Henne.—The Committee of Inquiry in the case of Anton N. Henne reported that there was no cause of further action against him. On motion, the report was adopted and his character passed; he made his report, was continued in the class of the Fourth year and was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The character of Frank H. Nix was passed and he was continued in the class of the Fourth year.

Chas. F. Sitterly Introduced.—During the call of this class the time was extended and Chas. F. Sitterly, Professor in Drew Theological Seminary at Madison, N. J., was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interest of Drew Theological Seminary and Boston School of Theology.

Examinations.—On motion of W. M. Puffer, it was ordered to change the scale of marking in examinations in the Conference course of study from a scale of 10 to a scale of 100, making it harmonize with the action of the General Conference.

A. J. Eldred was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises tomorrow morning.

Communications were referred to the Committees on the State of the Church and Education.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned, C. H. Payne pronouncing a benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday, September 19, 1896.

Conference convened at 8 o'clock a. m., the Bishop in the chair. A. J. Eldred conducted devotional exercises.

The Journal of the previous session was read and approved.

Check from Methodist Publishing Company.—A communication from J. H. Potts was read presenting the check of the Methodist Publishing Company for $2,180.12 as the share of the Michigan Conference in the profits of that company, which check was passed to the Treasurer of the Conference.

The Conference ordered a draft on the Chartered Fund for $22.00, and on the Methodist Book Concern for $2,759.00, dividends from these two sources to this Conference.

The Bishop called A. E. Carman and Frederick M. Cosner and requested them to study carefully the rules governing a preacher's conduct, and the questions to be answered by candidates for admission into the Conference, they not having been present when the other members of the class were called for this purpose.

Changes of Relation.—On motion of J. W. H. Carlisle, W. A. Prouty was granted a superannuated relation, and referred to the Board of Stewards with recommendation for a claim this year.

On motion of J. I. Buell, A. R. Keillor was granted a superannuated relation and referred to the Board of Stewards with recommendation for a claim this year.

On motion of G. S. Hickey, D. C. Woodward's relation was changed from supernumerary to superannuate, and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards with recommendation for a claim this year.

Bishop's Address.—The Bishop addressed the Conference on the relation of the Sunday School to the Church, and the importance of the Pastors working for the salvation of the children and youth.

Vote on Constitutional Questions.—The time for the order of the day having arrived, M. M. Callen moved that the vote of the Conference be taken by a count vote, and the motion prevailed.

The Secretary read the action of the General Conference recommending the modification of section 2, paragraph 67, of the Discipline of 1896, so

as to permit the admission of women as delegates to the General Conference.

The vote was then taken. 221 voted to concur in the recommendation of the General Conference and 4 against.

The Secretary read the action of the General Conference submitting the proposition to amend section 2, paragraph 67, of the Discipline of 1896, providing for an equal number of lay and ministerial delegates in the General Conference.

The vote was taken, 181 voted to concur in the proposition and 34 against.

The 12th Question, "What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was taken up.

Transfer.—The Bishop announced the transfer of Wm. F. Rice from the Rock River Conference.

W. I. Cogshall moved that he be elected to Elders' Orders under the Missionary Rule, which motion prevailed.

The 11th Question, "What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was called.

The recommendations for Deacon's Orders of the following Local Preachers were presented: James D. McDonald, Albion district; Lewis H. Manning, Frank A. Blake, Big Rapids district; James W. Rochelle, John D. Bird, Arthur W. Mumford, J. Edward Kirby, Coldwater district; Ralph T. Flewelling, Grand Traverse district; Almon C. Parsons, Ionia district; Benson J. Youngs, Lansing district; Jacob M. Westover, Grand Rapids district.

Question 12, "What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was taken up.

The recommendations for Elder's Orders of the following Local Deacons were presented: Walter M. D. Riggs, Grand Traverse district; Wm. J. Massey, Ionia district.

Candidates Addressed.—The candidates for both Local Deacons' and Local Elder's Orders were called forward and addressed by the Bishop.

In all the above cases the Committee on Examination reported, their Presiding Elders represented them and they were elected to Orders with the exception of Almon C. Parsons who had not been before the Committee on Examination. He was given the privilege of going before the Committee on Examination that his case might be brought up later.

Question 7, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" was called:

The following were called forward: Upton E. Partridge, Ralph Newman, Frank M. Cosner, Paul D. Huff, Chas. A. Brown, John Zedler,

Selden B. Ford, Robert D. Freeman, Geo. W. Maxwell, Loren P. Richtmyer, James E. Foote, Wm. L. Holmes, Chauncey D. Tubbs, Geo. K. Fairbanks.

Hymn No. 570 was sung. D. W. Parsons led in prayer The Bishop asked each member of the class if he had made a deposit of the certificate with the Secretary according to the action of the General Conference, and received an affirmative answer in each case.

The Bishop addressed the class and propounded the usual Disciplinary Questions, which were satisfactorily answered.

The following reported their work, were passed in their studies, represented by their Presiding Elders, admitted into full membership and elected to Deacon's Orders:

Ralph Newman, Chas. A. Brown, John Zedler, Selden B. Ford, Geo. W. Maxwell, Loren P. Richtmyer, James E. Foote, Chauncey D. Tubbs.

The following reported their work, were passed in their studies, represented by their Presiding Elders and admitted into full membership, they being Deacons: Upton E. Partridge, Robert D. Freeman, Wm. L. Holmes, Geo. K. Fairbanks, Paul D. Huff.

Continued on Trial.—The following reported their work, were represented by their Presiding Elders, passed to the studies of the Third year, and continued on Trial: Frederick M. Cosner, Wm. H. Phelps.

Bishop Hartzell.—During the call of this class Bishop Hartzell was introduced to the Conference, and the time was extended.

M. S. Hard.—M. S. Hard, one of the Secretaries of the Board of Church Extension, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

L. P. Davis.—L. P. Davis, of the Detroit Conference, was introduced.

H. C. Jennings.—Henry C. Jennings, one of the Publishing Agents of the Western Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson.—Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, of Detroit, was introduced and represented the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Transfer.—The Bishop announced the transfer of F. A. Chapman from the Wyoming Conference.

On motion it was decided to hold a Conference session Sunday at 2 p. m., as an Ordination and Memorial service.

G. C. Draper was substituted in place of L. Grosenbaugh on the Committee on Nominations.

Announcements were made, the Conference adjourned, H. C. Jennings pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

Sunday, September 20, 1896.

ORDINATIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Conference convened at 2 p. m. for the Ordination of Deacons and Elders, and for Memorial Services, the Bishop in the chair. The Bishop addressed the Conference and congregation explaining the meaning and force of Ordination, both of Deacons and Elders, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, after which he ordained the following as Deacons in the church of God: Ralph Newman, Chas. A. Brown, John Zedler, Selden B. Ford, Loren P. Richtmyer, James E. Foote, Chauncey D. Tubbs, Geo. W. Maxwell, James D. McDonald, Jacob M. Westover, Lewis H. Manning, Ralph T. Flewelling, Frank A. Blake, James W. Rochelle, John D. Bird, Benson J. Youngs, J. Edward Kirby, Arthur W. Mumford.

And assisted by Elders, he ordained the following to the office of Elder in the church of God: Wm. L. Davison, Jay C. Upton, Clark S. Wheeler, Nelson S. Tuttle, Herbert L. Potter, William A. Exner, George A. Brown, Eden R. Lyon, Luther E. Lovejoy, Walter M. D. Riggs, William J. Massey, William F. Rice.

After singing hymn 980, the Bishop called to the chair Geo. L. Mount, chairman of the Committee on Memoirs. Memoirs were read as follows: John M. Reid by J. H. Potts, John Clubine by John Graham, Samuel Kitzmiller by L. Master, Mrs. Louis Richards Mcknight by P. J. Maveety, Mrs. Mary E. Hewitt by A. P. Moors, Mrs. Nettie S. Hollister by F. W. Warne, Mary E. Cole by E. L. Kellogg, Mrs. Mary Deal Miller by J. W. H. Carlisle, Elizabeth DeMotte Eldred by Wm. A. Frye, Mrs. Anna Jeanette Golden by J. I. Buell, Elizabeth H. Paddock by E. Tench, Mrs. Essie D. Kirby by W. H. Parsons, Elizabeth W. Cleghorn by P. J. Maveety. L. M. Edmonds led in prayer and Conference adjourned with the benediction by T. H. Jacokes.

SIXTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Monday, September 21, 1896.

Conference met at 7:30 a. m., the Bishop in the chair.

James Webster conducted devotional exercises.

The Journal of Saturday's and Sunday's sessions was read and approved.

On motion of T. H. Jacokes, the Secretary was directed to edit and publish the memoirs.

Bishop's Address.—The Bishop addressed the Conference on Pastorial support and especially the support of superannuated preachers.

Excused.—On motion of G. W. Gosling, the Board of Stewards was excused.

W. H. Moore was excused from further attendance upon the Conference.

Invitation to visit Reform School.—F. L. Thompson presented the invitation of the Superintendent of the Reform School to the Conference to visit the Reform School at 1:30 p. m., which was accepted.

Washington Gardner.—Washington Gardner, Secretary of State was introduced to the Conference.

Question 5, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up.

The following called, their characters passed, they reported their work, the Committee on Examination reported, they were represented by their Presiding Elders, advanced in their studies and continued on Trial: Clarence E. Deal, Chas. L. Keene, Arthur W. Simmons, Thomas Laity, Wm. J. Slee, Richard E. Yost, Hugh Kennedy, Thomas Boone.

The following were called, their characters passed, they reported their work, the Committee on Examination reported, were represented by their Presiding Elders, advanced in their studies and continued on Trial conditioned on a part of their studies: Ralph T. Flewelling, Willard Aldrich, Geo. R. Millard, Arthur W. Mumford, Henry R. E. Quant, Benson J. Youngs, Edwin W. Davis.

The character of A. E. Carman passed, he reported his work, was represented by his Presiding Elder, and was continued on Trial in the studies of the First year.

Lewis H. Manning was called, his character passed, he reported his work, was represented by his Presiding Elder, and continued on Trial in the studies of the First year.

The characters of Matthew Mullen, Henry G. Hipp and Harry J. King were passed, they were represented by their Presiding Elders and were continued on Trial in the studies of the First year.

The characters of John L. Mount and Adley R. Fulford were passed, and they were discontinued at their own request.

The Committee on Examination reported that Geo. K. Fairbanks and Chas. A. Brown had passed satisfactory examinations in the studies in which they were conditioned last year.

On motion of W. I. Cogshall, Thomas Boone was excused for not attending Conference.

Question 9, "What Members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?" was called.

The following were called, their characters passed, they reported their work, the Committee on Examinations reported, they were represented by their Presiding Elders and advanced to the studies of the Fourth year: Chas. H. Palmatier, David E. Reed, John C. Jewell, Clinton H. Anderson, Charles M. Merrill, Wm. W. Aylesworth, Wm. F. Glass, Ralph Wooton.

The following were called, their characters passed, the Committee on Examinations reported, they were represented by their Presiding Elders, advanced to the studies of the Fourth year, conditioned on a part of the studies of the Third year: Thos. H. Leamon, Joseph B. Peatling, Jno. W. Foy, Lewis L. Thomas, Elisha W. Laing, Geo. W. Weeks, Rob't J. Slee, Corbon P. Birdsey, Wm. A. Robinson.

The following were called, their characters were passed, they reported their work, represented by their Presiding Elders, and were continued in the studies of the Third Year: James H. Wesbrook, Jacob L. Ruoff, Wm. H. Wright, Edgar C. Tullar, Sam'l I. Horr, Prentice E. Whitman, Willard Ogden.

The following were called, their characters passed, they were represented by their Presiding Elders and were continued in the studies of the Third year: Alfred L. Woodlock, Merrick W. Woods, Geo. F. Craig, Rob't G. Hildred, Atwell E. Hawley, Rob't J. Floody, Edward J. Bradner.

The Committee on Examinations reported that Luther E. Lovejoy had passed a satisfactory examination in the studies of the Third year and that

Walter Z. Cole had passed a satisfactory examination in the studies in which he was conditioned last year.

The Bishop was requested to leave the following without appointments to attend some one of our schools: Alfred L. Woodlock, Rob't J. Floody, Edward J. Bradner.

On motion of John Graham, the Central New York Conference was asked to request the transfer of Rob't G. Hildred.

Editor of Live Coals.—M. M. Callen moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Conference, "Live Coals" is a paper published in the interest of Methodism.

The resolution was adopted.

The Bishop was requested to appoint B. E. Paddock editor of "Live Coals."

The Committee on Nominations was excused.

G. W. Howe was excused from further attendance upon the Conference.

Question 22, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was called.

The following were called, their characters passed, and they were continued in their present relations: H. L. Rood, R. G. Hildred, B. S. Mills, C. L. Barnhart, James Berry, J. H. Hopkins, W. W. Barrett, M. W. Knapp, E. T. Lumber, Thomas Lyon, D. C. Riehl, A. Potter, B. W. Smith, H. S. Taft, E. Wigle, A. E. Hawley, J. W. Lent, W. J. Maybee, D. O. Ball, O. E. Wightman.

The following were called, their characters passed, and their relations were changed from supernumerary to effective: J. A. Sprague, Wm. L. Barth, Eden R. Lyon, S. C. Tiney.

The committee of inquiry in the case of T. R. Rible having reported, his case was referred to the Presiding Elder of Grand Rapids District for investigation.

On motion of A. J. Eldred, the case of C. H. Theobald was referred to the Presiding Elder of the Grand Traverse District for investigation.

The following were changed from effective to supernumerary: A. J. Morris, J. W. Steffe, Hale H. Miller, H. L. Rood, Geo. S. Hickey.

The relation of David Engle was changed from effective to superannuate.

Question 23, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up.

The following were called, their characters were passed, and they were continued in their present relations: W. T. Cook, Frank H. Nix, G. W. Sherman, E. L. Odle, W. M. Colby, L. M. Edmunds, I. B. Tallman, G. E. Hollister, J. R. Oden, R. Pangelly, R. C. Welch, S. L. Hamilton, J. K. Stark, C. H. Howe, D. M. Ward, J. Berry, W. J. Swift, L. W. Earl,

T. T. Clark, E. Cooley, R. C. Crawford, J. Draper, A. A. Dunton, A. J. Eldred, C. H. Fisher, C. S. Fox, F. J. Freeman, L. M. Garlick, L. J. Griffin, J. Gulick, J. W. Hollowell, D. S. Haviland, J. S. Harder, S. P. Hewitt, T. J. Hill, J. Hills, G. S. Hicks, J. Hoyt, A. Hunsberger, T. H. Jacokes, W. W. Johnson, H. D. Jordan, A. E. Ketcham, A. A. Knappen, D. R. Latham, G. D. Lee, W. M. Paddock, J. H. Pitezel, B. S. Pratt, Thomas Riley, A. A. Rolfe, W. W. Rork, S. Steele, E. Treadgold, A. Wakefield, B. H. Whitman, E. D. Young, J. W. Rawlinson, G. S. Barnes, W. N. Younglove, J. R. Bowen, J. E. White, J. H. Tanner, H. P. Henderson, E. G. Stevens, E. D. Bacon, L. M. Bennett, N. L. Brockway, J. W. Cawthorn.

Introductions.—W. T. Smith, one of the corresponding secretaries of the Missionary Society, and L. LaRue, of the New Jersey Conference, were introduced.

C. W. Holden.—The case of C. W. Holden was referred to the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications.

On motion of P. J. Maveety, it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2:30 p. m.

A. P. Moors was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises at the afternoon session.

On motion of L. M. Edmunds the Treasurer was instructed to hold the one per cent paid in by the Preachers subject to the orders of those who had made payments. D. F. Barnes was appointed to preside in the afternoon session.

After announcements the Conference adjourned, with benediction by W. T. Smith.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2:30 p. m., D. F. Barnes in the chair. A. P. Moors conducted devotional exercises.

M. M. R. A.—P. J. Maveety offered the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Methodist Ministers' Relief Association of Boston has shown itself to be a worthy insurance company by twenty years of practical work and is patronized and commended by our Bishops and prominent leaders;

Resolved, That we commend the Association to all our brethren who desire insurance.

John C. Beach, P. J. Maveety, Judson P. Durham.

Wesley Hospital.—L. N. Pattison offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, We learn with pleasure of the good work done by Wesley Hospital of Chicago during the past year;

AND WHEREAS, We recognize the fact that this work cannot be carried on without the active sympathy and support of our Methodist people; therefore

Resolved, That we reaffirm our resolutions of last year commending the Hospital to the confidence and financial aid of our people;

Resolved, That we endorse the plan of the Hospital of raising money with Dime Collection Books and will assist in their circulation.

L. N. Pattison, C. M. Welch, W. I. Elmer.

Committee on Plan for Support of Superannuates.—F. L. Thompson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to consider the needs of the Superannuated Preachers, and the many plans for their support; also to take into account the new plan of the last General Conference, and if possible to harmonize our present plan therewith, and to arrange for some plan by which we may increase the Special or Annuity Fund therein proposed.

Reports of Committees.—G. W. Tuthill presented the report of the Committee on Temperance. N. L. Bray moved that the committee be instructed to bring in a new report and that G. C. Draper and J. P. MacCarthy be added to the committee. The motion prevailed and G. B. Kulp and O. H. Perry were also added to the committee.

G. C. Draper presented the following as the report of the Committee on Book Concern Accounts, which was adopted. See Report.

W. P. French presented the report of the Committee on Episcopal residence which was adopted. See Report.

R. H. Bready presented the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, which was adopted. See Report.

W. T. Smith—W. T. Smith addressed the Conference.

F. L. Thompson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Only about one-fifth of the pastors took the special collection for the payment of the missionery debt; and

WHEREAS, Had the remaining four-fifths reported in the same ratio the debt would have been entirely canceled; therefore

Resolved, That the Michigan Conference set apart the third Sunday in October and upon that day request all pastors not having already taken the debt-paying collection to present that cause to our people.

F. L. Thompson, A. E. Craig, Wm. Denman, Jos. P. MacCarthy. W. H. Frye.

J. G. Crozier offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we extend to Mr. St. John, Superintendent of the State Industrial School, our heartiest appreciation of the pleasure afforded this Conference by the splendid entertainment furnished on the campus by the boys' drill and choir.

J. G. Crozier, John C. Beach.

N. L. Bray offered the following, which was adopted:

Recognizing the power of Christian song to mold the thought and life of a church and that our excellent Church Hymnal has no peer in its realm, and cannot be crowded out of our congregations without great loss, we express our gratification with the action of the General Conference providing for its publication in cheap form, and pledge our best endeavor to introduce the use of the regular Hymnal of the church in all the services, public and social.

N. L. Bray, F. L. Thompson, M. D. Carrell.

J. F. Orwick presented the report of the Committee on Nominations, which was adopted. See Standing Committees.

Trustees.—The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the nominees of the committee for Conference Trustees. The ballot was so cast and C. L. Barnhart, C. A. Jacokes, J. A. Sprague, G. C. Draper, James Hamilton, N. L. Bray, A. T. Ferguson, D. F. Barnes and J. F. Orwick were declared elected.

I. Wilson presented the report of the Committee on Conference Claimants, which was adopted. See Report.

M. F. Loomis read the report of the Committee on Epworth League and moved its adoption. Motion carried. See Report.

Charles Nease presented his report as the Statistician, which report was adopted. See Statistics.

Sabbath Observance.—The Committee on the State of the Church made a supplementary report, which was adopted, as follows:

WHEREAS, The increasing tendency to disregard the sanctity of the Sabbath in the commonwealth is an occasion of alarm to all good citizens and calls for some new measure to suppress the same. Your committee would therefore recommend the organization of a Sabbath protection league, by the appointment of three laymen and three ministers by the Bishop, who shall unite with a similar committee appointed by the Detroit Conference, to whom shall be assigned the duty, in co-operation with other Christian bodies, of the development of public sentiment and the securing of all necessary legislation for the efficient and impartial enforcement of all laws which are or may be enacted for the protection of the sanctity of the Sabbath.

To carry out the purpose of the above resolution the following were appointed as the committee from this Conference: P. J. Maveety, M. M. Callen, James Hamilton, J. J. Kinsey, W. W. Barous, G. C. Whitworth.

On motion of F. L. Thompson, it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet at 7 o'clock this evening.

The Committee on Periodicals made a report, which was adopted. See Report.

The Committee on Temperance made a report, which was adopted. See Report.

W. J. Wilson presented the report of the Committee on Woman's Work in the Church, which was adopted. See Report.

On motion of G. B. Kulp, the following were made a committee to secure Local Prohibition in the vicinity of Albion College: G. B. Kulp, J. F. Orwick, A. P. Moors, L. N. Pattison, R. W. Van Schoick, John Graham, A. A. Knappen, William Denman, A. E. Craig, P. J. Maveety.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts was presented by D. D. Martin and adopted. See Report.

A. J. Wheeler presented the report of the Committee on District Conference Records, which was adopted. See Report.

On motion of P. J. Maveety, it was decided to pay the janitor of Central Church $10.00 for extra services during the Conference session.

C. A. Varnum presented the report of the Committee on the Bible Cause, which was adopted. See Report.

Endowment.—James Hamilton presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the incorporated Michigan Conference Board of Trustees instruct the treasurer to secure from some responsible organization (so reported by Bradstreet or Dun) suitable bonds to protect funds committed to his trust as treasurer of the incorporated Michigan Conference.
A. E. Craig, James Hamilton, C. L. Barnhart, George B. Kulp.

The Conference Trustees were granted leave of absence for the purpose of organization.

On motion of W. A. Taylor, the Conference adjourned for a Pentecostal service.

EVENING SESSION,

Monday, September 21, 1896.

Conference met at 7 o'clock p. m.

W. H. Parsons conducted devotional exercises.

D. F. Barnes took the chair in the absence of the Bishop.

L. DeLamarter presented the report of the Committee on Education, which was adopted. See Report.

Trustees of Albion College.—On motion of P. J. Maveety, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for Trustees of Albion College, as follows: Levi Master, E. N. Parsons. The ballot was announced.

Equalization of Conference Expenses.—A. H. Coors offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report at the next session of this Annual Conference, some plan for the equalization of the traveling expenses of members and probationers to and from the meetings of the Annual Conference.
August H. Coors, Owen R. Lovejoy, L. E. Lennox.

The resolution was adopted.

The following committee was appointed in harmony with the above resolution: A. H. Coors, F. L. Thompson, L. DeLamarter.

A. J. Eldred.—J. H. Pitezel presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Michigan Conference are hereby tendered to the Rev. A. J. Eldred for his earnest and eloquent semi-centennial sermon preached before this Conference.
J. H. Pitezel, Arthur Trott.

Resolutions of Thanks.—J. A. DeGraff offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Conference are hereby extended to Rev. F. L. Thompson, the pastor of this church, and his congregation, for the kind and courteous manner in which they have welcomed us, and their earnest and patient effort for our comfort and convenience.
J. A. De Graff, L. De Lamarter, Chas. Nease.

F. L. Thompson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the special thanks of this Conference be extended to the press of Lansing for their very full and accurate report of our doings.
F. L. Thompson.

Invitation from Kalamazoo.

The 30th Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was called.

L. DeLamarter presented the invitation of the First Church of Kalamazoo, in which the other Churches of Kalamazoo concurred, to be their guests next year.

J. P. MacCarthy moved that the invitation be accepted. The motion carried by a rising vote.

P. J. Maveety made a statement regarding the publication of the minutes.

Conference Expenses.—M. D. Carrell moved to take a collection for Conference expenses. The motion carried and the collection was taken, amounting to $52.95.

D. F. Barnes Excused.—D. F. Barnes was excused from further attendance upon the Conference.

A. P. Moors in the Chair.—A. P. Moors took the chair by the appointment of the Bishop.

Minutes Subscription.—A subscription to help pay for the publication of the minutes was taken, amounting to $17.75.

The Conference sung a hymn.

J. H. Potts Invited to Address the Conference.—On motion of R. D. Freeman, J. H. Potts was invited to address the Conference. He complied with the invitation.

M. M. Callen offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Michigan Christian Advocate is a paper published in the interest of the Methodist Episcopal Church; therefore
Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. J. H. Potts, D. D., to the editorship of this paper.

James Hamilton offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we pledge our earnest efforts to secure bequests and donations for the endowment of the Permanent Fund of the Incorporated Michigan Annual Conference, the income of which shall be devoted to the relief of our Conference claimants.
James Hamilton, D. W. Parsons.

Dean Bliss, of Lansing, was introduced to the Conference.

G. W. Gosling presented the report of the Board of Stewards.

The report was adopted.

J. C. Newcomer, the Treasurer, presented his report, and it was adopted.

Wm. A. Taylor presented the report of the Auditing Committee, the consideration of which was temporarily postponed.

Mrs. J. Boynton.—On motion of G. W. Gosling, the name of Mrs. J. Boynton was continued in the list of the widows of deceased members of this Conference.

The Conference sung a hymn.

Pastors' Salaries.—The following resolution, presented by A. J. Wheeler, was temporarily postponed:

WHEREAS, There is this year an *increase* in the collections of most of the benevolent societies over those of last year; and

WHEREAS ALSO, There is an increase in our Presiding Elders' salaries of over $500; and

WHEREAS, There is a deficiency of $15,181 in pastors' salaries, $3,234 greater than last year, showing that the pastors of the church are better collectors of its finances than the stewards are of the pastors' salaries; therefore

Resolved, That we *most* earnestly ask our Presiding Elders to vigorously urge upon our official boards *more systematic* and *earnest efforts* to secure the salaries of the pastors.

A. J. Wheeler, C. A. Varnum.

Missionary Appropriations.—C. A. Varnum presented the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, In the northern part of our Conference circuit lines are continually changing and new circuits are being formed making increasing demands for Missionary appropriations to carry on the work; and

WHEREAS, It is the purpose of the Missionary Society to aid those who need, and especially the weaker places; therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That it is the sense of this Conference that no appropriation of Missionary money should be made to any district work, except such as may be necessary for Indian supervision;

Resolved, 2. That no charge which pays $600 should receive aid from the Missionary Fund;

Resolved, 3. That this action be communicated to our Standing Committee by a special committee.

C. A. Varnum, F. W. Corbett, G. D. Chase, A. T. Luther, G. S. Robinson, J. F. Orwick.

Pentecostal Service.—On motion of P. J. Maveety, the Conference engaged in a Pentecostal service, led by G. B. Kulp.

The Bishop in the Chair.—The Bishop came in and took the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes of today's sessions of the Conference and they were corrected and approved.

Resolution Complimentary to Bishop Walden.—M. D. Carrell offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we express our profound gratification with the presidency of Bishop John M. Walden at this, his first visit to our Conference. His uniform kindness has greatly endeared him to us, his words of counsel and instruction have given us a clearer conception of our work as Methodist preachers, his careful attention to all the details of our Conference work has been an example and inspiration to us, while his genial piety has made the session of 1896 memorable for its unusual spirituality. We assure him of our sincerest wishes and constant prayers for joy and success in work, and our warmest welcome whenever in the providence of God he shall come to preside over our Conference again.

M. D. Carrell, Arthur Trott, D. W. Parsons, N. L. Bray.

J. I. Buell read the following resolution, which was adopted by the Cabinet:

Resolved, That we extend to Bishop Walden our hearty thanks for the painstaking manner in which he has arranged the appointments of the Michigan Annual Conference for 1896, and also the cordial and brotherly manner with which he has treated us during all the sessions of the Cabinet.

J. I. Buell, Geo. S. Hickey, Levi Master, W. I. Cogshall, J. W. H. Carlisle, John Graham, L. E. Lennox, E. L. Kellogg, R. W. Van Schoick.

Jacob Marzolf.—W. I. Cogshall moved that the relation of Jacob Marzolf be changed from effective to superannuate, which prevailed.

Selden B. Ford.—Levi Master moved that the Bishop be requested to leave Selden B. Ford without appointment to attend some one of our schools. The motion prevailed.

Uri Mason.—J. Graham moved that the relation of Uri Mason be changed from effective to supernumerary. Prevailed.

M. D. Carrell.—R. W. Van Schoick moved that the Bishop be requested to appoint M. D. Carrell Superintendent of the Epworth League Department of the Western Book Concern. The motion prevailed.

Chas. W. Holden.—The Committee on Ministerial Qualifications reported in the case of Charles W. Holden, recommending that he be admitted into full membership into the Conference, and be required to take the studies of the Third and Fourth years. The report was adopted.

Ralph Newman.—J. Graham moved that the Bishop be requested to leave Ralph Newman without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

The committtee in the case of O. E. Wightman reported that his character pass and he be continued in his present relation. Adopted.

Transfer.—The Bishop announced the transfer of Wm. F. Rice to the Rock River Conference.

Question 4, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was called.

The following were called forward, addressed by the Bishop and deposited the certificates required by the Discipline with the Secretary, and retired: James D. McDonald, Wm. F. Kendrick, John D. Bird, J. Edward Kirby, John S. DeLong, Robert E. Meader, Wm. A. Johnson, Moses E. Reusch, Albert E. Johnson, Almon C. Parsons, James W. Rochelle, Bert E. Silverthorne.

The following were called, the Committees on Ministerial Qualifications and Examinations reported, their recommendations were presented, the Presiding Elders represented them and they were admitted on Trial: Wm. F. Kendrick, J. Edward Kirby, John S. DeLong, Rob't E. Meader, Wm. A. Johnson, Moses E. Reusch, Bert E. Silverthorne.

The following were called, the Committees on Ministerial Qualifications and Examinations reported, their recommendations were presented, the Presiding Elders represented them, and they were admitted on Trial conditioned on a part of their studies: James D. McDonald, John D. Bird, James W. Rochelle.

In the case of Frank M. Woodmansee, the Presiding Elder was authorized to employ him on his district.

Collection for Albion College.—On motion of John Graham, Sunday, December 5, 1896, was fixed to take the collection for Albion College.

The resolution regarding Pastor's salaries, previously offered by A. J. Wheeler, was adopted.

G. B. Kulp and the Pentecostal Service.—N. P. Brown offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it be the sense of this Conference, that we express our gratitude to Rev. George B. Kulp for the able and successful manner in which he has conducted the Pentecostal services this year; and be it further

Resolved, That we recommend such services be held at each succeeding session of the Annual Conference. Signed by

L. B. Kenyon, N. P. Brown, W. P. Mosher, Fayette L. Thompson.

The report of the Auditing Committee was taken up and after some modifications was adopted. See Report.

Bishop's Decision on Appeal. —The Bishop made the following ruling in regard to an appeal from one of the Grand Rapids Quarterly Conferences:

In the arbitration in which Rev. J. W. Rawlinson and Rev. S. B. Shaw were parties, the Quarterly Conference having on the appeal of the first party, just named, granted a second arbitration from the award of which the second party has appealed, said Quarterly Conference should consider the grounds on which this appeal is made and thereby determine the question of granting another arbitration. When a decision is thus reached both parties will have exhausted their right of appeal.

JOHN M WALDEN.

Committees Appointed by Bishop and Cabinet.—The Bishop announced the appointment of the Examining Committees, Triers of Appeals, appointment to preach the Missionary Sermon, Conference Board of Church Extension, Board of Church Location, and list of District Missionary Secretaries. See Lists.

Committee on Missions.—The Committee on Missions reported, and the report was adopted. See Report.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to procure a book in which to record the written answers to questions ordered by the General Conference.

On motion, it was ordered that after the reading and approval of the Journal and the reading of the appointments, the Conference adjourn *sine die.*

Minutes made Official.—On motion, it was ordered that the printed minutes be the official minutes of the Conference.

The Journal was read and approved.

The Bishop briefly addressed the Conference, read the appointments, pronounced the benediction and the Conference adjourned.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?

Isaac H. Riddick from the Detroit Conference, Wm. F. Rice from the Rock River Conference, F. A. Chapman from the Wyoming Conference, J. J. Hartley from the Wisconsin Conference.

2. Who have been Readmitted?

None.

3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?

Charles W. Holden from the Congregational Church.

4. Who have been Received on Trial?

(*a*) In Studies of First Year.

James D. McDonald, William F. Kendrick, Bert A. Silverthorne, John Day Bird, J. Edward Kirby, John S. DeLong, Wm. A. Johnson, Moses E. Reusch, Robert E. Meader, James W. Rochelle.

(*b*) In Studies of Third Year. None.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial?

(*a*) In Studies of First Year.

Matthew Mullen, Jr., Lewis H. Manning, Henry G. Hipp, Albert E. Carman.

(*b*) In Studies of Second Year.

Thomas Boone, Clarence E. Deal, Chas. L. Keene, Arthur W. Simmons, Herbert E. Wylie, Willard Aldrich, Thomas Laity, Geo. R. Millard, Arthur W. Mumford, Henry R. E. Quant, Wm. J. Slee, Richard E. Yost, Hugh Kennedy, Benson J. Youngs, Edwin W. Davis, Ralph T. Flewelling.

(*c*) In Studies of Third Year.

Frederick M. Cosner, Wm. H. Phelps.

(*d*) In Studies of Fourth Year. None.

6. Who have been Discontinued?

John L. Mount, at his own request.

Adley R. Fulford, at his own request.

7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

(*a*) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.

Ralph Newman, Chas. A. Brown, John Zedler, Selden B. Ford, Loren P. Richtmyer, James E. Foote, Chauncey D. Tubbs, Geo. W. Maxwell.

(*b*) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.

Upton E. Partridge, Paul D. Huff, Robert D. Freeman, W. L. Holmes, Geo. K. Fairbanks, Chas W. Holden.

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

(*a*) Admitted into Full Membership this year.

Ralph Newman, Chas. A. Brown, John Zedler, Selden B. Ford, Loren P. Richtmyer, James E. Foote, Chauncey D. Tubbs, Geo. W. Maxwell, Upton E. Partridge, Paul D. Huff, Robert D. Freeman, William L. Holmes, Geo. K. Fairbanks, Chas. W. Holden.

(*b*) Admitted into Full Membership previously.

Edward J. Bradner, Atwell E. Hawley, Rob't J. Floody, Alfred L. Woodlock, Merrick W. Woods, Willard E. Ogden, Geo. F. Craig, James H. Wesbrook, Jacob L. Ruoff, Wm. H. Wright, Edgar C. Tullar, Sam'l I. Horr, Prentice E. Whitman, Rob't G. Hildred.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

Chas. H. Palmatier, Thomas H. Leaman, Clinton H. Anderson, Joseph B. Peatling, Chas. M. Merrill, Wm. W. Aylesworth, John W. Foy, Lewis L. Thomas, Elisha W. Laing, Geo. W. Weeks, Rob't J. Slee, W. F. Glass, John C. Jewell, Corbon P. Birdsey, Ralph Wooton, Wm. A. Robinson, Walter Z. Cole, Anton N. Henne, David E. Reed, Hale H. Miller, Arthur J. Morris, Frank H. Nix.

10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

(*a*) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.

Wm. L. Davison, Jay C. Upton, Clark S. Wheeler, Nelson S. Tuttle, Herbert L. Potter, Wm. A. Exner, Geo. A. Brown, Eden R. Lyon, Luther E. Lovejoy.

(*b*) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. None.

11. What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

(*a*) As Local Preachers.

James D. McDonald, Jacob M. Westover, Lewis H. Manning, Ralph T. Flewelling, Frank A. Blake, James W. Rochelle, John D. Bird, Benson J. Youngs, J. Edward Kirby, Arthur W. Mumford.

12. What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

(*a*) As Local Deacons.

Walter M. D. Riggs, Wm. J. Massey.

(*b*) Under Missionary Rule.

W. F. Rice.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?

Yes, by calling the name of each Preacher in open Conference.

The case of T. R. Rible referred to the Presiding Elder of the Grand Rapids District for investigation.

The case of C. H. Theobald referred to the Presiding Elder of Grand Traverse District.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

J. H. Thomas, to the Detroit Conference, E. V. Armstrong to the Wyoming Conference, Wm. F. Rice to the Rock River Conference, Harvy E. King, North China.

15. Who have Died?

Samuel Kitzmiller, John Clubine, John M. Reid.

16. Who have been Located at their own Request?

None.

17. Who have been Located?

None.

18. Who have Withdrawn?

None.

19. Who have been Permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?

None.

20. Who have been Expelled?

None.

21. What Other Personal Notation Should be Made?

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

O. E. Wightman, H. H. Rood, R. G. Hildred, B. S. Mills, C. L. Barnhart, W. W. Barrett, J. H. Hopkins, M. W. Knapp, E. T. Lumber, Thomas Lyon, D. C. Riehl, A. Potter, B. W. Smith, H. S. Taft, Eli Wigle, A. E. Hawley, J. W. Lent, W. J. Maybee, D. O. Ball, Arthur J. Morris, J. W. Steffe, Hale H. Miller, H. L. Rood, G. S. Hickey, Uri Mason, T. R. Rible, C. H. Theobald.—27.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

W. T. Cook, Frank H. Nix, G. W. Sherman, E. L. Odle, W. M. Colby, L. M. Edmunds, I. B. Tallman, G. E. Hollister, J. R. Oden, Richard Pengelly, R. C. Welch, S. L. Hamilton, J. K. Stark, C. H. Howe, D. M. Ward, James Berry, W. J. Swift, L. W. Earl, T. T. Clark, Elias Cooley, R. C. Crawford, James Draper, A. A. Dunton, A. J. Eldred, C. H. Fisher, C. S. Fox, F. J. Freeman, L. M. Garlick, L. J. Griffin, J. Gulick, J. W. Hallowell, D. S. Haviland, J. S. Harder, S. P. Hewitt, T. J. Hill, John Hills, G. S. Hicks, J. Hoyt, A. Hunsberger, T. H. Jacokes, W. W. Johnson, H. D. Jordan, A. E. Ketcham, A. A. Knappen, D. R.

Latham, G. D. Lee, W. M. Paddock, J. H. Pitezel, B. S. Pratt, Thomas Riley, A. A. Rolfe, W. W. Rork, S. Steele, E. Treadgold, A. Wakefield, B. H. Whitman, E. D. Young, J. W. Rawlinson, G. S. Barnes, W. N. Younglove, J. R. Bowen, J. E. White, J. H. Tanner, H. P. Henderson, E. G. Stevens, E. D. Bacon, L. M. Bennett, N. L. Brockway, W. A. Prouty, Geo. Donaldson, A. R. Keillor, D. C. Woodard, David Engle, J. W. Cawthorn, Jacob Marzolf.—75.

24. **Who are the Triers of Appeals?**
W. R. Stinchcomb, L. N. Pattison, J. F. Orwick, A. H. Coors, I. H. Skinner, C. G. Thomas, C. A. Jacokes.

25. **What is the Statistical Report for this Year?**
See report of Statistical Secretary.

26. **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as Reported by the Conference Treasurer?**
See Treasurer's Report.

27. **What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?**
See Steward's Report.

28. **What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?**
See Steward's Report.

29. **Where are the Preachers Stationed?**
See Appointments.

30. **Where shall the next Conference be held?**
At First Church, Kalamazoo, Mich.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that in Lansing, Michigan, on September 20, 1896, I ordained as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church: Ralph Newman, Charles A. Brown, John Zedler, Selden B. Ford, Loren T. Richtmyer, James E. Foote, Chauncey D. Tubbs, George W. Maxwell, James D. McDonald, Lewis H. Manning, Frank R. Blake, James W. Rochelle, John D. Bird, Jay E. Kirby, Arthur W. Mumford, Ralph T. Flewelling, Jacob M. Westover, and Benson J. Youngs;

And at the same place and on the same day, assisted by a number of Elders present, I ordained as Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church: William L. Davison, J. C. Upton, Clark S. Wheeler, Nelson S. Tuttle, Herbert L. Potter, William A. Exner, George A. Brown, Eden R. Lyon, Luther E. Lovejoy, Walter M. D. Riggs, William J. Massey, and William F. Rice.

Given under my hand this twenty-first day of September, A. D. 1896.

JOHN M. WALDEN.

Bishop.

The foregoing journal of the daily session, together with the reports following, is a correct and complete record of the proceedings of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the year 1896, and was, by vote of the Conference, made the official journal.

JOHN M. WALDEN,

President.

P. J. MAVEETY,

Secretary.

Lansing, Mich., September, 23, 1896.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS--1896.

ALBION DISTRICT.

John Graham, 5, Presiding Elder. P. O., Albion.

Albion, A. E. Craig..... 2
Battle Creek:
First Church, William Denman 2
Maple Street, E. A. Armstrong 1
Upton Ave., *W. F. Kendrick*.. 1
Bellevue, A. C. Jones..... 1
Concord, G. L. Mount..... 1
Eden, *J. W. Foy*..... 5
Hanover and Moscow, O. H. Perry 2
Homer, S. C. Strickland 1
Jackson:
Cooper Street, *J. C. Upton*.... 1
Diamond Mission, to be sup. by Geo. Diamond..... 8
First Church, P. J. Maveety... 2
J. J. Hartley..... 1
Greenwood Ave., D. D. King.. 1
Haven Church, J. F. Orwick.. 5
Ida Stiles Mem., *E. C. Tuller*. 3
Leslie, C. A. Varnum..... 3
Liberty, *B. F. Silverthorne*..... 1
Litchfield, Edwin Tench..... 3
Marengo, James Webster..... 3
Marshall, Isaiah Wilson..... 2
Mosherville, *J. D. McDonald*.... 1
Parma, Delos Cronk..... 1
Partello, *H. R. E. Quant*..... 2
Penfield, P.O., Battle Creek *G. K. Fairbanks* 3
Sonoma, W. I. Elmer..... 2
Springport, J. A. Sprague 1
Tekonsha, J. W. Sheehan..... 3
Tompkins, Albert Smith..... 2

J. H. Potts, Editor Michigan Christian Advocate, Member Jackson First Church Quarterly Conference.

W. C. Longdon, Missionary in Central China.

Joseph Wilkes, Missionary, Provo, Utah.

F. C. Lee, Missionary, Reno, Nevada.

B. E. Paddock, Editor of Live Coals, Member of Albion Quarterly Conference.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

L. E. Lennox, 3, Presiding Elder. P. O., Reed City.

Ashton, R. W. Tindall..... 1
Averill, C. A. Brown..... 1
Barryton, *A. N. Henne*..... 1
Big Rapids, O. R. Lovejoy..... 3
Big Rapids Circuit, L. H. Manning 2
Cadillac, W. L. Laufman..... 1
Calkinsville and Indian Mission, E. W. Wood..... 2
Chase, to be supplied by F. M. Woodmansee..... 1
Chippewa Lake, to be supplied by E. B. Hubbell..... 2
Clare, A. H. Coors..... 5
Coleman, *J. S. DeLong* 1
Crystal Valley, W. H. Choate.... 1
Evart, J. C. Newcomer..... 2
Farwell, *T. H. Leamon*..... 3
Free Soil and Indian Mission, *J.D. Bird* 1
Gladwin, *U. E. Partridge*..... 1
Greenville, W. L. Davison..... 3
Harrison, W. D. Rowland..... 2
Hersey, Sanford Snyder..... 1
Lake City, George Varion..... 1
Leaton and Indian Mission, to be supplied by Frank A. Blake.... 1
Leroy, *W. A. Exner*..... 2
Ludington:
First Church, L. E. Lovejoy... 1
Fourth ward and Buttarsville, A. H. Sturgis..... 2
Luther, N. P. Brown..... 2
Manistee, A. T. Ferguson..... 1
Marion, to be supplied by E. L. Odle .....
McClure, to be supplied by E. W. McMillan..... 1
McBain, *G. W. Weeks* 1
Middle Branch, to be supplied by M. S. Walker, P. O., Gormer.. 1
Morley, J. C. Chase..... 1
Mt. Pleasant, R. A. Wright..... 2
Paris, A. A. Geiger..... 2
Reed City, A. F. Nagler..... 3
Scottsville and Indian Mission, C. W. Smith..... 1
Sears, *G. W. Maxwell*..... 2
Shepard, D. E. Reed..... 3
Stanwood, *J. C. Jewell*..... 2
Stetson, to be supplied by J. G. Clutterbuck..... 1
Stittsville, to be supplied by G. B. Day..... 1
Union, to be supplied by W. P. Manning, P. O., Cadillac.....
Wesley, *C. H. Palmatier*..... 3
Woodville and White Cloud, S. C. Tiney 2

COLDWATER DISTRICT.

R. W. Van Shoick, 2, Presiding Elder. P. O., Coldwater.

Allen, C. H. Anderson..... 3
Athens, *E. W. Laing*..... 2
Bankers, to be supplied by Geo. W. Worden..... 1
Bronson, *John Zedler*..... 1
Burlington, to be supplied by W. J. Wilcox..... 2
Burr Oak, to be supplied by J. R. Skinner 1
Butler, J. W. White..... 2
Cambria, Irving Eagle..... 1
Camden, L. A. Sevits..... 1
Centerville, G. W. Tuthill..... 1
Coldwater, W. L. Barth..... 1
Colon, *H. W. Thompson*..... 2
Constantine, J. B. Pinckard..... 3
Frontier, *G. R. Millard*..... 1
Gilead, to be supplied by J. Gulick..... 1
Girard, W. P. Mosher..... 1
Hillsdale, M. M. Callen..... 2
Jonesville, Joshua White..... 2
Kinderhook, *W. W. Aylesworth*. 2
Leonidas, to be sup. by Robert Aylesworth 1
North Adams, A. D. Newton.... 1
Osseo, I. W. Wallace..... 1
Pittsford, to be supplied by John Biery 2
Quincy, W. H. Parsons..... 1
Ransom, G. W. Howe..... 1
Reading, J. W. Vickers..... 1
Sherwood, *J. G. Ruoff*..... 1
Sturgis, C. G. Thomas..... 3
Union City, F. A. Chapman..... 1
Waldron, *A. W. Mumford*..... 2
White Pigeon, G. A. Brown..... 1
Wheatland, *J. E. Kirby*..... 2

M. D. Carrell, Superintendent English Book Department, Western Book Concern, Quincy Quarterly Conference.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.

W. I. Cogshall, 6, Presiding Elder. P. O., Grand Rapids, 175 S. East St.

Ashland, *Matthew Mullen, Jr.*... 1
Benona, to be supplied.....
Berlin and Lamont, to be supplied by J. G. Phillips..... 1
Byron Center and Dorr, *R. J. Slee* 2
Caledonia, *Thomas Boone*..... 1
Cannonsburg, to be supplied by Chas. Hayward..... 1
Casnovia, *W. F. Glass*..... 1
Cedar Springs, Wellington Earle. 1
Coopersville, J. H. Bennett..... 3
Edgerton and White Creek, to be supplied by C. J. Kruse..... 2
Freemont, C. A. Jacokes..... 1
Grand Haven, J. W. Horner..... 2
Grand Rapids:
Ames Church, D. W. Parsons.. 1
Dickinson and Feakins Mem., supplied by G. W. Sherman. 1
Division Street, J. C. Floyd... 3
East Street, R. H. Bready..... 1
Epworth, C. S. Wheeler..... 1
Joy Memorial, G. A. Odlum... 2
Plainfield Ave., G. C. Draper.. 1
Second Street, G. B. Kulp.... 2
Grandville, C. W. Jones..... 1
Hart, T. T. George..... 1
Hastings, Thomas Cox..... 4
Hastings Circuit, H. E. Chamberlin 1
Hesperia, to be supplied by M. J. Brownell..... 1
Holland, Adam Clarke..... 1
Holton, to be supplied by J. M. Westover..... 2
Irving, *R. D. Freeman*..... 4
Middleville, F. N. Janes..... 2
Montague, A. W. Burns..... 1
Muskegon:
Central Church, J. P. MacCarthy 2
Lakewoods Heights, R. N. Middleton..... 2
Newaygo, to be supplied by O. E. Wightman..... 1
North Muskegon, Richard Shier. 1
Pentwater, E. A. Tanner..... 1
Ravenna, to be supplied by W. H. Holcomb..... 2
Robinson, to be supplied by D. R. Lee..... 1
Rockford, Charles Nease..... 1
Shelby, E. L. Sincleir..... 3
Sparta, L. W. Calkins..... 2
Spring Lake, C. E. Hoag..... 2
Wayland, to be supplied by C. W. Marshall..... 3
Whitehall, Henry Abraham..... 4

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

E. L. Kellogg, 4, Presiding Elder. P. O., Traverse City.

Alanson, to be supplied by J. L. Mershon..... 1
Alden, *M. E. Reusch*..... 1
Bear Lake, to be supplied by J. Burdge..... 2
Bellaire, *R. T. Flewelling*..... 2
Benzonia, to be supplied by W. M. D. Riggs..... 2
Boon, to be supplied by E. Burt 2
Boyne City, L. S. Matthews..... 2
Central Lake, to be supplied by R. Batterbee..... 1
Charlevoix, J. W. Hallenbeck ... 4
Charlevoix Circuit, to be supplied by A. H. McComb..... 1
Clarion, *R. E. Yost*..... 2
Copemish, to be supplied by G. W. Barnes..... 3
Cross Village, to be supplied by L. B. Carpenter..... 4
East Jordan, J. A. DeGraff..... 2
Elk Rapids, J. W. Miller 2
Empire, *M. W. Wood*..... 2
Fife Lake, W. Z. Cole..... 1
Frankfort, to be supplied by F. J. Freeman 1
Harbor Springs, G. S. Robinson 3
Inland, O. D. Watkins..... 2
Kalkaska, J. C. Beach..... 1
Kewadin Indian Mission, to be supplied by John Jacobs.....
Kingsley, *H. E. Wylie* 1
Mackinaw City, to be supplied by D. Engle 3
Mancelona, J. W. Hart 1
Manton, Levi Aler..... 1
Monroe Center, to be supplied.
Northport and Indian Mission, P. E. Whitman..... 2
Norwood, James Allen..... 1
Old Mission, Williard Heath, P. O., Traverse City..... 2
Petoskey, R. S. McGregor 2
Sherman, *Hugh Kennedy*..... 2
Torch Lake, to be supplied by F. H. Rickard 1
Traverse City, W. A. Frye 3
West Traverse City, to be supplied by H. W. Smith 2
Williamsburg, D. A. Green..... 2

IONIA DISTRICT.

J. I. Buell, 6, Presiding Elder. P. O., Ionia.

Ada, *William J. Slee* 2
Belding, O. Z. Golding 3
Berlin Center, to be supplied by Elton Harring, P. O., Ionia... 1
Bowne, *J. H. Wesbrook* 4
Caldwell, *A. E. Carman* 1
Carson City, J. W. Davids 2
Crystal, to be supplied by A. B. Johnson 2
Dushville, *P. D. Huff* 1
Edmore, to be supplied by A. C. Parsons 1
Entrican, to be supplied by W. E. Doty 1
J. R. Wooton 3
Freeport.
Greenville Circuit, W. R. Stinchcomb 2
Howard City and Coral, William Judd 2
Hubbardston, N. M. Barnes..... 1
Ionia, D. F. Barnes 3
Lake Odessa, Arthur Trott..... 1
Lake View, L. L. Tower..... 2
Lowell, A. P. Moors..... 5
Lyons, *W. E. Ogden*..... 1
Millbrook, to be supplied by W. J. Massey 1
Nashville, W. J. Wilson..... 1
Oak Grove, *Willard Aldrich*, P. O., Croton..... 2
Orange, H. R. Hawley..... 1
Orleans, A. K. Stewart..... 2
Palo, John Dobson..... 3
Pierson and Sand Lake, J. C. Dietrick..... 1
Portland, N. L. Bray 2
Remus, *C. W. Holden* 1
Saranac, *W. H. Wright*..... 1
Sebewa, N. E. Gibbs..... 4
Sheridan, C. M. Welch 2
South Lowell and South Boston, *E. W. Davis*, P. O., Lowell... 3
Stanton, J. S. Valentine..... 1
Vergennes and Keene, *J. W. Rochelle*, P. O., Lowell 1
Woodland, F. A. Van DeWalker. 2

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

Levi Master, 6, Presiding Elder. P. O., Kalamazoo.

Vicksburg, W. W. Lamport..... 3
Allegan, J. C. Cook..... 3
Augusta, *R. E. Meader*..... 1
Banfield, F. W. Haist..... 2
Bloomingdale, *Thomas Laity*.... 2
Casco, to be supplied.
Climax, *C. E. Deal*..... 2
Comstock, C. T. Van Antwerp... 2
Cooper, Louis Blanchett..... 1
Delton, *L. P. Richtmyer*..... 2
Douglas and Saugatuck, N. D. Marsh..... 1
Fennville, to be supplied.
Fulton, M. F. Loomis..... 2
Galesburg, E. O. Mather..... 5
Ganges, A. M. Griffith..... 2
Gobleville, N. S. Tuttle..... 1
Kalamazoo:
East Ave., L. N. Pattison..... 2
First Church, Louis DeLamarter 3
Simpson, C. W. East..... 3
Kalamazoo Circuit, A. M. Gould. 1
Kendall, supplied by George Donaldson..... 1
Lacota, *W. A. Johnson*..... 1
Martin, *W. A. Phelps*..... 2
Mendon, J. W. McDougall..... 4
Monterey, *F. M. Cosner*..... 1
Nottawa Indian Mission, supplied by Lewis Medawis.
Oshtemo, supplied.
Otsego, W. H. Stacey..... 2
Parkville, S. Trewin..... 2
Plainwell, A. F. Hart..... 1
Prairieville, J. W. Buell..... 1
Richland, *J. B. Peatling*..... 2
Schoolcraft, J. F. Peschmann... 3
South Haven, W. J. Hathaway.. 1
Three Rivers, E. G. Lewis..... 1
Trowbridge, *C. M. Merrill*, P. O. Otsego..... 1

LANSING DISTRICT.

W. W. Puffer, 1, Presiding Elder. P. O., Lansing.

Alma, J. W. McAllister..... 4
Bannister, Duplain P. O., Thomas Young 4
Bath, A. A. Stephens..... 2
Breckenridge, *B. J. Youngs*..... 2
Charlotte, G. D. Chase 1
Delta, *J. E. Foote*..... 2
DeWitt, F. L. Niles..... 2
Eagle, L. B. Kenyon 1
Eaton Circuit, supplied by Geo. H. Burge, P. O., Charlotte.... 1
Eaton Rapids, J. G. Crozier..... 3
Elm Hall, *W. A. Robinson*..... 2
Elsie, *W. L. Holmes* 2
Grand Ledge, W. A. Taylor..... 1
Gresham, E. R. Lyon..... 1
Ithaca, Geo. Killeen..... 4
Lafayette, supplied by J. H. Hoover, P. O., Breckenridge.. 1
Lansing:
Central, F. L. Thompson 2
First Church, H. H. Ford 1
Maple Rapids and Greenbush, A. O. Carman..... 4
Mason, W. H. B. Urch 2
Okemos and Holt, A. W. Simmons 1
Ovid, J. A. Bready..... 1
Perrinton, H. D. Skinner..... 2
Potterville, Geo. Bullen..... 4
St. Johns, D. D. Martin..... 3
St. Louis, A. T. Luther 1
Sethton, sup. by N. W. Weston. 1
Sheperdsville, John Klose..... 1
Sickles and Ashley, I. H. Skinner..... 2
Vermontville, J. P. Durham..... 1
Winfield, J. E. Messner 1

W. H. Thompson, Agent National Childrens' Home for the State of of Pennsylvania. Member of Central Church, Lansing, Quarterly Conference.

NILES DISTRICT.

J. W. H. Carlisle, 6, Presiding Elder. P. O., Niles.

Bangor and Breedsville, I. T. Weldon 2
Benton Harbor, W. P. French... 2
Berrien Springs, A. N. Eldred... 2
Buchanan, W. W. Divine..... 2
Cassopolis, I. H. Riddick..... 1
Coloma and Watervliet, A. J. Wheeler 2
Decatur, W. H. Moore..... 1
Dowagiac, G. A. Buell..... 1
EauClaire, *C. P. Birdsey* 2
Edwardsburg, E. F. Newell 1
Galien, S. I. Horr..... 2
Hartford, H. L. Potter 5
Keeler and Silver Creek, supplied by Willard Deal..... 1
Lawrence, *C. L. Keene*..... 2
Lawton, A. S. Williams..... 2
Marcellus, G. W. Gosling..... 1
Mattawan, J. H. Emmons..... 3
Niles, L. Grosenbaugh..... 4
Paw Paw, F. W. Corbett..... 2
Pokagon, W. J. Douglass..... 4
St. Joseph, James Hamilton..... 1
Stevensville, C. F. Brown..... 1
Three Oaks, *G. F. Craig*..... 1
Vandalia, J. N. Dayton..... 1

G. Hipp, Professor in Central Tennessee College.

Left without appointment to attend some one of our schools:

Rob't J. Floody,
Ralph Newman,
J. M. Wright,
Chauncey D. Tubbs,
Edward J. Bradner,
Alfred L. Woodlock,
Selden B. Ford.

STEWARD'S REPORT.

Amount estimated for Conference Claimants	$16,180 00

RECEIPTS.

Conference Claimants' Funds.	
Collections from Churches	6,410 00
One-half Book Concern Dividend	1,379 50
Chartered Fund	22 00
Parkhurst Fund	18 55
Pierce Fund	30 57
Bissell Fund	213 53
Martha J. Van Horn Fund	17 50
Conference Collections	94 27
Cash on Hand	11 70
	$8,197 62
Special or Annuity Fund.	
One-half Book Concern Dividend	1,379 50
Methodist Publishing Co.	2,180 12
	$3,559 62
Total of Both Funds	$11,757 24

EXPENDITURES.

Printing, Postage and Stationery	$18 60
Cash on Hand	1 64
Distributed to Claimants from Conference Claimants' Fund.	8,178 00
Distributed to Claimants From Special or Annuity Fund..	3,559 00
	$11,757 24

MINISTERS.

Number of years effective.	Names.	Postoffices.	Quarterly conference estimate.	Claim of paid in full.	Special or annuity.	Conference claimants fund.	Total paid.
23	Bacon, E. D.	Grand Rapids, 286 8th Ave.	$300	$230	$39	$45	$84
33	Barnes, G. S.	Petoskey*					
25	Bennett, L. M.	Ann Arbor, 19 Elizabeth St.	250	250	42	83	125
12	Berry, J.	Somerset Center*					
12	Bowen, J. R.	Lyons	100	120	22	45	67
31	Brockway, N. L.	Muskegon	250	310	52	135	187
20	Cawthorn, J. W.	Millbrook	250	200	34	89	124
25	Clark, T. T.	Grand Rapids, 968 Ridge Ave.	450	250	42	135	177
34	Colby, W. M.	Parma	500	340	57	90	147
9	Cook, W. T.	Glendale, Arizona	250	90	16	135	151
23	Cooley, E.	Marshall	250	230	39	158	197
47	Crawford, R. C.	Grand Rapids, 275 Bates St.	400	470	79	113	192
22	Donaldson, Geo.	Gobleville		220	37	45	82
7	Draper, J.	Hart	75	70	12		12
22	Dunton, A. A.	Shackelsford, Va.		220	37	45	82
43	Earl, L. W.	Benton Harbor	400	430	73	90	163
38	Edmonds, L. M.	Eaton Rapids	200	380	64	68	132
45	Eldred, A. J.	Traverse City	250	450	76	125	201
28	Fisher, C. H.	Marcellus	150	280	47	33	80
34	Fox, C. S.	1710 Ninth St., Bay City	300	340	57	68	125
25	Freeman, F. J.	Mancelona	300	250	42	45	87
19	Garlick, L. M.	Albion, 412 Fitch St.	150	190	32	45	77
16	Griffin, L. J.	Albion		160	27	68	95
28	Gulick, J.	Albion	200	280	47	68	115
25	Hamilton, S. L.	Los Angeles, Cal., 1008 W. 8th St.		250	44	68	112
26	Harder, J. S.	Nashville	100	260	44	23	67
17	Haviland, D. S.	Lake View	350	170	29	124	153
35	Henderson, H. P.	Albion, 212 W. Ash St.	200	350	59		59
23	Hewett, S. P.	Kewadin	100	230	39	45	84
10	Hicks, G. S.	Sherman	150	100	17	73	90
11	Hill, T. J.	Phœnix, Arizona	300	110	18	45	63
26	Hills, J.	Bismarck		260	44	68	112
30	Hollister, G. E.	Howell	250	300	50	45	95
4	Hollowell, J. W.	Roscommon		40	7	113	120
19	Howe, C. H.	Luther	300	190	32	108	140
29	Hoyt, J.	Kinderhook	128	290	48	45	93
20	Hunsburger, A.	Albion		200	34	68	102
43	Jacokes, T. H.	Eaton Rapids		430	73	113	186
19	Johnson, W. W.	Grand Rapids, Buckeye St.		190	†	†	†
23	Jordan, H. D.	411 Fitch St., Albion		230	40	72	112
15	Keillor, A. R.	Lyons		150	26	90	116
16	Ketcham, A. E.	South Haven		160	26		26
20	Knappen, A. A.	Albion		200	34		34
24	Latham, D. R.	Isabel, Kan.	300	240	40	90	130
30	Lee, G. D.	Whittier, Cal.		300	50	90	140
7	Nix, F. H.	Clare	250	70	12	83	95
21	Oden, J. R.	Fallbrook, Cal.		210	35	45	80
6	Odle, E. L.	Ludington	150	60	10	45	55
25	Paddock, W. M.	Bronson		250	42	113	155
25	Pengelly, B.	Kalamazoo, 434 Elm St.		250	42		42
24	Pitezel, J. H.	Norwalk, Ohio	300	240	40	113	153
19	Pratt, B. S.	Grand Ledge		190	32	72	104
28	Prouty, W. A.	Kalamazoo		280	47	56	103
13	Rawlinson, J. W.	Grandville	400	130	22	83	105
7	Riley, Thomas	Lansing	100	70	11	68	79
18	Rolfe, A. A.	Los Angeles, Cal., Sub Station 4	600	180	31	153	184
26	Rork, W. W.	Agnew	150	260	44	106	150
35	Sherman, G. W.	Grand Rapids, 499 Cass Ave.		350	60	135	195
25	Stark, J. K.	Midland		250	42	68	110
36	Steele, S.	Northport	300	360	61	135	196
12	Stevens, E. G.	Traverse City	300	120	20	90	110
28	Swift, W. J.	Lansing		280	47	45	92
22	Tallman, I. B.	Watervleit	100	220	37	68	105
31	Tanner, J. H.	Big Rapids	300	310	52	68	120
13	Treadgold, E.	Luther	300	130	21	45	66
13	Wakefield, A.	Middleville		130	22	105	123
15	Ward, D. M.	Farmington		150	26	45	71
34	Welch, R. C.	Chicago, Ill., 124 Dearborn Ave.		340	57	45	102
22	White, J. E.	Middleville	100	220	42		42

* Claim relinquished. † No application.

MINISTERS—*Continued.*

Number of years effective.	Names.	Postoffices.	Quarterly conference estimate.	Claim of paid in full.	Special or annuity.	Conference claimants fund.	Total paid.
20	Whitman, B. H.	Charlevoix	$600	$200	$34	$90	$124
26	Woodard, D. C.	Ovid	------	260	44	------	44
40	Young, E. D.	Battle Creek, 124 N. Mich. Ave.	200	400	68	132	200
12	Younglove, W. W.	Lawrence	------	120	21	113	134

WIDOWS.

25	Aldrich, Mrs. W. J.	Grand Rapids, 401 Lyons St.	------	$125	$21	$49	$70
13	Ambrose, Mrs. J. C., 1 child	Auburn, Cal.	------	65	14	67	81
12	Ball, Mrs. W. M.	Albion, 1102 Michigan Ave.	$100	60	10	45	55
7	Bangs, Mrs. F. B.	Eaton Rapids	100	35	6	45	51
14	Beard, Mrs. E.	New York City, 53 East 87th St.	------	70	11	45	56
10	Bignell, Mrs. G.	Smyrna	------	50	8	90	98
32	Boynton, Mrs. J.	Stanton	------	160	*	*	*
31	Boynton, Mrs. V. G.	Mattawan	200	155	26	112	138
8	Brockway, Mrs W. H.	Albion	------	40	†	†	†
22	Bronson, Mrs. W. A.	Lathrop, Mo.	150	110	18	90	108
25	Burns, Mrs. D.	Albion	300	125	21	77	98
22	Camburn, Mrs. M. B.	Albion	100	110	18	23	41
24	Clubine, Mrs. J.	Mosherville	300	120	21	94	115
34	Cogshall, Mrs. I.	Coldwater	------	170	†	†	†
16	Congdon, Mrs. T. J.	San Francisco, 813 Laguna	150	80	13	45	58
32	Coplin, Mrs. W. M.	Saginaw, East Side	------	160	26	------	26
13	Dissette, Mrs. E. H., 1 child	Albion, 1005 Perry St.	200	65	15	67	84
22	Doughty, Mrs. B. F.	Grand Rapids, 213 Palmer Ave.	------	110	18	------	18
28	Doust, Mrs. W.	Lansing, 904 Center St.	200	140	24	49	73
7	Elder, Mrs. W. W., 1 child	Indianapolis, Ind., 341 Broadway	------	35	10	45	55
43	Elliott, Mrs. G. C.	Dowagiac	------	215	35	45	80
34	Fassett, Mrs. N.	Lansing, 305 Townsend St.	------	170	28	90	118
8	Fitch, Mrs. A. M.	Elyria, Ohio, 6 West Fifth St.	------	40	6	45	51
21	Force, Mrs. J. P.	Galesburg	100	105	17	67	84
3	Foster, Mrs. W. S.	Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 16 Liberty St.	100	15	2	45	47
6	Gilbert, Mrs. G. L.	Marion, Ind., 603 S. Adams St.	300	30	6	43	49
28	Gillett, Mrs. D. D.	Harriman, Tenn.	------	140	23	90	113
22	Gillett, Mrs. A. H.	Jackson, 264 W. Main St.	------	110	18	45	63
25	Glass, Mrs. F.	Grand Rapids, 628 Cherry St.	250	125	20	55	75
6	Greenstead, Mrs. J., 1 child	Traverse City	175	30	7	45	52
24	Iddings, Mrs. J. T.	Albion	------	120	20	45	65
4	Jennings, Mrs. W., 2 children	Albion	200	20	5	45	50
12	Jones, Mrs. J.	Baltimore, Md., 500 N. Fulton Ave.	75	60	10	45	55
	Joy, Mrs. H. M.	Grand Rapids, 80 Washington St.*	------	------	------	------	------
3	Kitzmiller, Mrs. S.	Kalamazoo	50	15	3	22	25
24	Knott, Mrs. J. B.	Lansing, 169 Cedar St.	186	125	20	75	95
25	Marble, Mrs. E.	Harbor Springs	100	125	20	45	65
12	McCoy, Mrs. F. L.	Albion, 212 W. Ash St.	100	60	10	66	76
17	McKee, Mrs. S. D., 4 children	Allegan	300	85	34	112	146
30	Mount, Mrs. N.	Hubbardston	225	150	25	99	124
23	Perrine, Mrs. W. H.	Valley City, N. Dak.	------	115	20	54	74
23	Reed, Mrs. J. W.	Grand Rapids, 472 Turner St.	400	115	20	117	137
	Reid, Mrs. J. M.	New York City, 59 E. 126th St.†	------	------	------	------	------
19	Roberts, Mrs. J.	Albion, 506 Michigan Ave.	300	95	16	136	152
31	Sapp, Mrs. R.	Grand Rapids	------	155	*	*	*
23	Smith, Mrs. M. I.	Petoskey	------	115	19	45	64
22	Smith, Mrs. M. W. F., 1 child	Pottersville	200	110	26	45	71
27	Steele, Mrs. N. M.	Albion	150	135	22	45	67
30	Taylor, Mrs. I.	Hillsdale	------	80	24	72	96
13	VanWyck, Mrs. A. J.	Grand Rapids, 19 Green St.	300	65	10	67	77
29	Wightman, Mrs. I. R. A.	Albion	300	145	25	112	137
9	Wilson, Mrs. S. S.	Blanchard	------	45	7	67	74
34	Woodard, Mrs. S. C.	Ovid	400	170	29	111	140
9	Yokum, Mrs. A. H.	West Superior, Wis., 1914 Wis. Ave.	100	45	7	45	52

ORPHAN CHILDREN.

16	Children of O. S. Paddock:						
	Paddock, Pearl	Litchfield, care of L. B. Agard	------	------	------	$25	$25
	Paddock, Joy		------	------	$5	25	30

* No application. † Claim relinquished.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Lansing, September 21, 1896.

Your Committee on Missions recommend appropriations as follows:

ALBION DISTRICT.

Greenwood Ave.	$50 00
Cooper Street	50 00
Diamond Mission	38 00
	$138 00

NILES DISTRICT.

Galien	$72 00
Hartford	20 00
	$92 00

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

Delton	$50 00
Comstock	42 00
	$92 00
Indian work	80 00

LANSING DISTRICT.

Sethton	$50 00
Sickles and Ashley	42 00
	$92 00

IONIA DISTRICT.

Lyons	$60 00
Pierson	50 00
Millbrook	40 00
Caldwell	40 00
Oak Grove	50 00
	$240 00

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Grand Haven	$90 00
Dickinson Ave.	50 00
North Muskegon	40 00
Hesperia	60 00
Holton	70 00
Pentwater	40 00
Benona	30 00
	$380 00

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

Alanson	$80 00
Alden	60 00
Bear Lake	50 00
Bellaire	50 00
Benzonia	80 00
Boon	80 00
Central Lake	60 00
Charlevoix Circuit	50 00
Clarion	50 00
Cross Village	60 00
Copemish	100 00
East Jordan	60 00
East Jordan Circuit	60 00
Empire	80 00
Frankfort	60 00
Inland	60 00
Kalkaska	60 00
Kingsley	60 00
Mackinaw City	80 00
Manton	80 00
Old Mission	60 00
Sherman	60 00
Torch Lake	50 00
West Traverse City	130 00
District	166 00
	$1,786 00

Indian Work.

Northport Indian Mission	$100 00
Kewadin and Petoskey Indian Mission	110 00
District	68 00
	$278 00

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Averill	$60 00
Ashton	80 00
Big Rapids Circuit	70 00
Barryton	80 00
Chase and Zion	80 00
Chippewa Lake	40 00
Crystal Valley	80 00
Harrison	70 00
Luther	50 00
Marion	70 00
Middle Branch	80 00
McClure	90 00
McBain	70 00
Stitson	80 00
Stanwood	40 00
Stittsville	60 00
Woodville and White Cloud	60 00
Union	70 00
Hersey	50 00
	$1,280 00

Indian Work.

Calkinsville and Indian Mission	50 00
Leaton	70 00
Free Soil	35 00
Scottville and Indian Mission	35 00
District	75 00
	$265 00

I approve of the above appropriations.

JOHN M. WALDEN.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee having examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and of the Presiding Elders report that we find them properly kept and correct.

J. W. DAVIDS, WM. A. TAYLOR, JOHN C. BEACH.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Your Committee appointed to consider the Bible cause present the following report:

The American Bible Society for eighty years has exemplified the unity of American Protestantism. During that time it has issued 61,705,841 copies of the Holy Scriptures. During the past year it has sent 900,000 copies into foreign lands alone. Our missionaries tell us that its work is indispensable to the success of *our* work there. Its work there and in home lands has the hearty approval of the General Conference. Yet our collections for this great benevolence are steadily decreasing. Thirty years ago our Church gave $100,000, last year only $30,000. Michigan Conference gave in 1891, $702; in 1892, $604; in 1893, $511; in 1894, $495; in 1895, $381, and this year there will be reported only $343, 107 charges reporting no collection, a decrease of $359; more than one-half in five years. Therefore we wish to call your attention to the recent action of the General Conference:

"We urge all our Pastors not to omit the collections for the American Bible Society from the list of collections which they are charged to take, but to present to their congregations the duty of giving liberally for the support of this most worthy and important cause."

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. VARNUM, F. W. CORBETT, J. W. VICKERS, *Committee.*

BOOK CONCERN ACCOUNTS.

Your Committee on Book Concern Accounts would report that we have examined the accounts submitted to us. These accounts are from the eastern house and they are for various amounts ranging from $5.00 all the way up to $90.00. On this list there are seventeen names. Of these seven are supernumerary, four superannuated, and six are effective. The aggregate is $672.

The amounts are all previous to the current year. These brethren have all been notified by the agent of the Book Concern, and have had opportunity to appear before the committee but not one of them did so.

G. C. Draper, E. A. Armstrong, Thos. Cox.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Your Committee on Conference Claimants desire to express their gratitude to God for the liberal manner in which our people have responded to the calls for aid in the support of our superannuates. This class of needy and worthy claimants is constantly increasing and the demand for their liberal support was never more keenly felt than now.

Therefore we heartily recommend that Pastors and Churches give earnest attention to the Conference claimants collection, and the plan adopted by the General Conference of 1896 followed by our Presiding Elders, Pastors and people.

Let one day be given to this cause, and on every charge the apportionment raised in full.

M. M. Callen, Isaiah Wilson, E. F. Newell.

EDUCATION.

We rejoice in the increasing devotion of Methodism to the cause of education. The past deliverances of this Conference, as they relate to the importance of Christian education, are reiterated and endorsed by your committee. We congratulate our Church upon her high rank in the educational world, and are glad to recognize that her educational spirit rises with the demands of the hour. The standard of intellectual culture for the pulpit must be elevated from year to year, and our financial offerings for this cause should increase as the needs require.

The average of ten cents per member from our Church, asked by those who direct our work, should be realized if possible, and at least as much money should be raised by our Conference as we receive from the educational fund.

We recommend that the general educational collection in this Conference this year be devoted to Albion College.

The following nominations are submitted: Trustees of Albion College, Levi Master, D. D., and E. N. Parsons; Trustee of Northwestern University, W. I. Cogshall, D. D.; Visitors to Albion College, A. T. Ferguson, L. Grosenbaugh; Visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute, G. D.

Chase, E. G. Lewis; Visitor to DePauw University, R. A. Wright; Visitor to Boston University, W. H. B. Urch; Visitors to Woman's College of Baltimore, A. M. Gould, D. D., L. E. Lennox; Member of the Council of the Wesleyan Guild at Ann Arbor, J. C. Floyd, D. D., J. W. Hallenbeck, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

L. DeLamarter, A. C. Jones.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League holds an important place in Methodism. It must have proper leaders and wise counselors. Its aim should be to develop the whole life, hence, the social and intellectual, as well as the spiritual must not be neglected. The spiritual department, however, must always be kept to the front; and all other work administer to its success. The League should not be a social club, but a spiritual force in every Church.

We believe that the Pastors should keep the League in touch with the great fundamental principles of Methodism. He should lead them to earnestly seek the "highest New Testament standard of experience and life."

We commend the Ludington Assembly, believing that, under God, it will strengthen the fraternal ties of our various Methodisms.

We recommend that all Pastors having other young people's societies, urge, prayerfully, upon them the necessity of coming into organic harmony with the young life of our Church.

We still continue our endorsement of the Epworth Herald as a periodical admirably adapted to the needs of our young people and will urge them to come in touch with its helpful influence.

Wm. A. Taylor, W. P. Mosher, M. F. Loomis.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your Committee find that but three of the districts of this Conference are organized into District Conferences, Big Rapids, Ionia and Niles.

Of these but one had its Records on hand for inspection. The Ionia District, Rev. C. M. Welch, Secretary.

Of this we can say the Records of the Ionia District Conference are approved for neatness and accuracy.

A. J. Wheeler, W. H. Wright.

PERIODICALS.

The press is a potent factor in the dissemination of knowledge and has ever been employed by our Church as an agency for preaching the Gospel. We rejoice that we do not of necessity need to turn to foreign sources to meet this imperative demand for Church literature. We never have and never will voice the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." Methodism has ever produced her own literature, and while the market has not at any time been glutted, yet she has never experienced a dearth of editors and authors.

The quadrennial crop has ever been abundant and even now "The fields are white unto harvest."

We believe that the majority of our periodicals will stand the test of a rigid examination, measured by any fair standard of criticism.

The New York Christian Advocate is without a rival among religious weeklies and we congratulate the Church upon the re-election of Dr. J. M. Buckley to the responsible position of editor.

We speak in equal terms of commendation of the Northwestern Christian Advocate and Epworth Herald.

The Methodist Review under the able editorship of Dr. Kelley has advanced to the front rank in the review world.

We especially rejoice in the continued prosperity and increasing circulation of our own home paper, the Michigan Christian Advocate. For cleanliness, piety, elevated tone, denomination loyalty and vigorous editorship, it stands unrivaled in the field.

We pledge ourselves to do our best to increase the circulation of this, our home paper, and the rest of our periodicals.

Signed, W. H. B. Urch, J. W. Hathaway, W. I. Elmer.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

To make a report on the "State of the Church," is almost as difficult as to make a report on the state of matrimony. Every one knows about his own family and very little about his neighbors. Every Pastor knows about the financial and spiritual condition of his own Church, and very little about the real condition of others. We have a very inadequate idea of what the Great Methodist Episcopal Church has done and is doing throughout the world. The reports given by our hard toiling Presiding Elders show most encouraging progress within the bounds of our Conference.

New Churches and parsonages have been erected and old ones repaired, and many old chronic debts wiped out; but, best of all, a multitude of souls have been saved.

The Church is greatly hindered and even endangered by those who are courting the world, and trying to bring it down to the level of fashionable society, by compromising with such popular amusements as the card table, ball room, theatre, circus and others of a kindred character. This is making inroads into the sacred enclosure. There can be no union between Christ and Satan, between sin and righteousness; for our Lord has declared, "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon." When Bishop Foster was reported as favoring the removal of the law on amusements, the secular press, worldly Church members and sinners cheered him to the echo; but when the good Bishop made the correction, the cheering ceased.

Should the bars be let down to suit worldly minded professors, the time will come when a monument may be erected to the memory of our Church with an inscription, "A spent force."

The Methodist Church was designed to spread scriptural holiness over the world, and when it fails in this its mission ceases. Methodism makes a great mistake in aping other Churches. In its own original personality, it has succeeded, is succeeding and will succeed anywhere. But as a social machine, to catch the clap-trap of popular favor, it is a dead failure. It never can compete with wine sipping, card playing and dancing churches. The Methodist Church succeeds best by opposing the very things that some other Churches deem necessary to their life and prosperity. Let the Methodist Church have the courage of her convictions, operate her machinery, be loyal to her polity, teach her doctrines and emphasize the necessity of holy living, and intemperance, gambling, prostitution, Sabbath desecration, business dishonesty and political corruption will retreat before her.

The Methodist Church was born in a revival, and for over one hundred years she has lived in the heat of revival influence. Under this influence she has grown until today her loving ministrations are felt by all the nations of the earth. Let us by holy living, earnest Gospel preaching, fervent prayers and consistent ballots so secure the divine co-operation that our glorious Methodism may be a leaven of righteousness to all nations.

R. H. Bready, Geo. A. Odlum, A. P. Moors, W W. Lamport,
G. W. Tuthill.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACTS.

In view of the great importance of our Sunday School work, great care should be taken in the selection of teachers, and whenever practicable, normal classes for the better training of teachers should be organized and registered at the office of the Sunday School Union. To be sure of the best lesson helps, periodicals and books, our schools should purchase such supplies from the Methodist Book Concern, and from no other. The Bible should be used in the class room by both teachers and scholars.

The Sunday School Union has aided in the past year more than three thousand schools; it asks of the entire Church $50,000. In this Conference there were ninety-two charges that reported no collection last year. The apportioned share to this Conference the coming year is $865. We recommend that this be approved by the Conference and apportioned by the Presiding Elders among the charges and raised during the coming year.

We recognize the tract as one of the important evangelizing agencies in the Church; its inexpensiveness, its variety in adaptation, its ease in circulation, its brevity, make it acceptable, causing it to be read where books would be neglected. The tract Society of our Church has a vast assortment. A catalogue is sent free to any Pastor, and any charge may order tracts to the amount of one-half the collection without charge. The Tract Society gives annually to our missions from $6,000 to 7,000. The Tract Society asks of the entire Church annually $50,000.

Last year in the Michigan Conference there were 104 charges which reported no collections. The apportioned share of this Conference this year is $865, we recommend that this be approved by the Conference and apportioned by the Presiding Elders among the charges and raised during the coming year.

D. D. Martin, C. M. Welch, A. T. Luther.

TEMPERANCE.

Upon the temperance question enough has been said, written, sung, and prayed, to have sunk any business not fortified by our government and by State and municipal powers. The liquor oligarchy is upheld by laws that have been framed, legislated and defended from the standpoint of our present license system.

We advocate and are in sympathy "cordial sympathy" with all measures, organizations, both secular and religious, to educate the masses both

young and old, rich and poor, learned and illiterate, concerning the evils of the traffic on the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual man. We urge our brethren to preach at stated times on temperance in all of its features and to encourage temperance concerts.

We endorse the American Anti-Saloon League now being organized in our state.

We will observe the fourth Sunday in November as Temperance Day.

Section 5, page 142, of the appendix to the discipline, declares that the Christian's only proper attitude toward the liquor traffic is that of relentless hostility and that all members of the M. E. Church who enjoy the elective franchise should so use that solemn trust as to promote the rescue of our country from the guilt and dishonor which has been brought upon it by a criminal complicity with the liquor traffic; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Conference, it is the duty of Christian men to reinforce their prayers by voting with some political party that expressly declares for the prohibition of the liquor traffic, experience having taught us that a vote cast with the license parties is a vote in the interest of the saloon.

G. W. Tuthill, G. C. Draper, Jas. P. MacCarthy, Geo. B. Kulp, O. H. Perry.

WOMAN'S WORK IN THE CHURCH.

Today God is employing multiplied agencies for the prosecution of His work.

Through the combined intelligence and devotion of woman, as one of these agencies, He is doing wonders at home and abroad.

Woman can boast of great achievements in war, in statesmanship, in poetry, in song, and in literature, but her greatest achievement is found in her entire consecration to the Divine Master and His holy cause. In this she has achieved the most, and one day nations will rise up and call her blessed.

In the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the Deaconess work, the temperance cause, and in other important fields she has exercised her splendid talents and achieved success for the Master.

Without her aid the Church would suffer both financially and spiritually, and interest in the cause of Christ would seriously decline.

In the matter of admission to the lay electoral and General Conferences woman should not be discriminated against, but should in all respects stand on an equality with her brothers in the Church she so nobly sustains.

W. J. Wilson, S. C. Strickland, Geo. Killeen.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

Your Committee on Episcopal Residence beg leave to report as follows:

We find from the communication sent to us from the Methodist Episcopal Church and Sunday School Alliance of the city of Detroit, the following facts pertaining to the present condition of the Episcopal property.

The cost was $18,000, of which the Michigan Conference agreed to raise $6,000, the Detroit Conference, $6,000, and Detroit city, $6,000. Thus far Detroit has raised 2,526.11; Detroit Conference, $2,111.26, and the Michigan Conference, $1,389.29, while Bishop Ninde has paid $1,500 rent, making a total paid on the property of $7,526.66.

The $7,526.66 have been expended in payment of interest, taxes, and upon the purchase cost of the property, which has been reduced to $15,500.

At the time the residence was purchased, a mortgage was given upon it for $10,000, and for the rest of the money borrowed a few laymen gave their personal note. The note now amounts to $5,300 and some interest. In view of the hard times, these generous laymen are placed in a trying position. They are heavily pressed by the burden they assumed for the Church in this matter, and if they *could* readily carry this burden it would not be just to ask them to do so.

We should fulfill our obligations from a sense of honor and right.

The Michigan Conference has yet to raise $4,610,71 to meet her obligation

We believe this property should be saved to the Church and therefore we disapprove of any backward steps, believing such would be vastly to the discredit of Michigan Methodism.

Especially should earnest efforts be made at once to relieve the brethren who are grievously pressed in carrying the note now amounting to $5,300; we should come to the rescue if we desire to keep their confidence and esteem

As to the method of raising the remaining sum now due from the Michigan Conference, we recommend the following:

1. Let the Presiding Elders receive the amounts to be raised on their respective districts and apportion them to the charges, except to such charges as have already paid their proportion of this indebtedness.

2. Let the Pastors take this matter to heart and raise their apportionment by personal solicitation or public appeal as they shall deem best.

We believe that if our Pastors will honestly and earnestly take care of this enterprise the entire amount now due from the Michigan Conference will be raised before January 1 next.

Let the debt be paid, that our lay brethren may not be further embarassed, and that the honor and dignity of our Methodism and the cause of Christ may not suffer reproach.

W. P. French, W. J. Wilson, W. A. Frye.

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

The Secretary has condensed and selected such items from the reports of the Presiding Elders as he thought of interest to the Church. He would gladly print these reports entire, but the "stringency of the times" is felt in the lessened amount paid to him for the printing of the Minutes. He "boils down" the reports and memoirs so as to preserve the best, and to bring the whole matter to be printed within the compass of the money furnished him to pay the printer and other expenses connected with the publication of the Minutes.

ALBION DISTRICT.

Time is a trust. Each day is a year in miniature. Every year should be spent as if it were our last. No hour should go to waste. How faithful we have been during the past year each must decide for himself. How far that faithfulness has influenced results and what these results are and how they have contributed to enhance the kingdom of Christ, to enumerate these is the reason and necessity for this report.

There is cause for gratitude to the Great Head of the Church. Uniform health has prevailed among the ministers and their families. One death has occurred, Brother John Clubine, a member of this body for forty-three years, a man who will live in the memory of his brethren for his sterling worth, purity of character, modesty of deportment and loyalty to the cause of his Master.

A spirit of revival has pervaded in a marked degree, more general and intense than any of the previous years since I came to the District. At Albion 400 were converted, many of them students with large promise in them. Also Concord, Jackson First Church, Leslie, Marshall, Greenwood Ave., Parma, Sonoma, Springport and Upton Ave. The work seems thorough and fundamental, giving assurance of permanent character at the end of six months.

Our ministers stand by the historic methods of the Church, namely, the altar service. They are convinced that no modern patent has improved on this, and act accordingly.

Debt paying day was generally observed. We fear, however, a deficiency when the result is known, and is this surprising? The causes are not hard to find. Short crops, low prices, capital locked up, stagnation in business, fears as to a change in values, a nation distracted and torn apart by the strifes of its own sons, are among the things that disturb and cut down benevolences of the Church.

Many of the ministers on the rural charges, to a very recent date, have had about half their salaries. Up to a month ago some had realized only about $300.00. The cause that underlies all causes in the most of cases

is a lack of system which induces systematic giving and the haphazard policy indulged in Church finances, expecting they will run themselves.

When Conference draws near, a deficiency is always found. A statement is then made about the necessities of the minister, his family, which as a kind of hydraulic pressure lifts sympathy to do what clear headed planning and business forethought ought to do, and until we have the courage to select men of business capacity, with methods and the power to put them into execution, rather than so many honorary members of official boards, we shall have this humiliation: a poorly paid clergy and a dependent Church.

A new church has been built at the Pope appointment, replacing the one destroyed by fire. It is a neat Gothic structure, with a seating capacity of 300; stained glass windows, and when finished will cost about $1,600.00. This amount is nearly all provided and we expect to dedicate the church this fall free from debt. Substantial improvements have been put upon the church at Hanover and Lester. Both have been re-roofed, carpeted and decorated. Tekonsha church is now undergoing improvements. The Church property on the district is in a fair state of preservation and only in a few instances are there any incumberances on our realty.

At the beginning of the year, when the Ida Stiles Memorial Church was dedicated, a beautiful little structure, previously reported, the Churches agreed to put the debts of the several societies into one. The amount of $1,500 was raised, the most of which has been paid, placing Jackson Methodism in an advantageous position. In addition some bequests have been secured in that city under the supervision of the Pastors and myself, of which about $12,000 has been given to Greenwood Ave., $2,000 to the First Church, with smaller donations to the other societies; in all $15,000, that will eventually come to the Churches of Jackson, and this through the generosity of three elect ladies.

Albion Camp Meeting was held ten days, a new departure from former six days' meeting. There were fewer tents on the ground than in previous years; this is accounted for on account of excessive heat and electric storms. The attendance at the week day meetings, however, was up to the average, and their tone throughout were deeply spiritual and earnest.

Bishop Walden came to us on Thursday. His presence refreshed us much. His sermon in the evening on the "Work of the Holy Ghost" was clear, concise, logical, touching marvelously the root of things. The sermon on Friday morning was equally effective. The Bishop lectured to us in the afternoon on "Africa." It is a magnificent epitome of the present and future of that dark continent. The information this lecture imparts ought to awaken in every audience new interest in Africa.

Albion College is enjoying measurable prosperity. It is not all we could desire, yet better off than many of its sister institutions. The faculty is well organized, loyal, progressive, who aim to maintain the high standard of academic training that has won for our school a place in the forefront of educational institutions. The Trustees are aiming to manage running expenses, so that income shall meet liabilities. Expenses, including salaries, have been cut to the minimum, and whatever hardship this may involve, the Trustees believe that the highest good of Albion College consists in being kept out of debt. The educational collection given by this Conference has been of much value to tide the

College over these stringent times. Eleven hundred of the $3,000 have been given by this District. Albion has a mission to Michigan Methodism, her work is eminently Christian education. Knowledge without reverence is insane; intelligence without faith is lifeless as a fossil; philosophy is meaningless if she bear not incense as well as light. The mission of this Christian school is to touch into life with the finger of God, knowledge, intelligence and philosophy.

JOHN GRAHAM.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

The 44 Pastors of the Big Rapids district have rendered royal service for the Master this year, as the reports will show. As ministers we have abundant reason for profound gratitude to Almighty God. Our kind Heavenly Father has watched over us and our families. Good health has been ours. None have died, and few interrupted by sickness.

Brother Manning, of Ashton, was the only Pastor seriously ill during the year, his sickness due to an accident, but under the providence of God he is well again and in charge of his work. The only death was in the home of Brother Sanford Snyder, of Union charge, who, last autumn, lost his eldest son, a young man. The stricken parents are, however, greatly comforted by the evidence the deceased left of his salvation through faith in Jesus and bright hope of rest eternal.

It would afford me the greatest pleasure to be able to report the salaries of these worthy Ministers paid in full. The larger societies have met their obligations, we believe, but many of the smaller ones will report deficiencies, to the very great embarrassment and hardship of the brethren.

The benevolent interests have received special attention, and we are able, therefore, to report an increase in our offering amounting to about $700 over last year. On the educational collection for Albion College, Big Rapids district stands third, if not second, in the Conference.

In material prosperity the district has made considerable advance. On sixteen parsonages and eighteen churches there has been expended about $2,000 in beautifying and improving the same in various ways. About the largest amount, $400, was expended on the Clare church in new furnaces, new organ, and in other needed repairs. The Big Rapids society expended $300 in improving and enlarging the capacity of their church edifice; the Coleman church at a cost of over $400, has been made over new; Paris, $100 for sheds; Big Rapids circuit, $95; Evart, $95; Reed City, $75, and many others in less sums.

Debts on churches and parsonages have been canceled amounting to about $8,000. The old and troublesome debt of about $850 against the parsonage in Big Rapids has been almost wiped out, $800 having been paid. Besides current expenses this society has paid more than $1,000 on debts and improvements. Three hundred dollars have been paid on the Mt. Pleasant church debt; $700 on the Cadillac church debt; $6,000 of the burdensome debt that has harassed First Church, Ludington, is paid and the society breathes more freely; only about $5,000 remains unpaid, provided for by subscriptions.

A new parsonage is in process of construction at Marion. Early in December last a beautiful new parsonage home was completed on the Shepherd charge. This home cost $1,300, all provided for, $600 of which is paid. New churches are in process of erection at Lucas, on the Lucas charge; Barryton, on the Brinton charge; Victory, on the Scottville charge, the last named almost completed. The church on the Morley charge is delayed for want of the use of free silver, or a freer use of silver; the yellow metal would also greatly aid in pushing this work on to completion.

On December 8, last, we dedicated a new church at Pleasant Valley, on the Shepherd charge, costing about $1,200. Again, on August 16, another beautiful brick veneered church was dedicated, in solemn service, to the worship of God. The edifice cost $1,500; $300 indebtedness, all of which is provided for.

The Epworth assembly at Ludington was a marked success this year. While other assemblies report a falling off in attendance, Ludington shows a threefold increase. The outlook for growth and usefulness is bright and prophesies great things for Leaguers, Pastors and people, especially those of the Big Rapids District.

The time limit affects but one minister of our forty-four, the Rev. W. L. Laufman, who signalizes the close of the fifth year of his pastorate by cancelling $6,000 of debt on Ludington's beautiful new church.

Special services have been held on all the charges of the district, conversions taking place in each case, and to some of the charges have been granted revivals of more than usual power and extent; those deserving particular mention are Shepherd, Calkinsville, Union, Big Rapids Circuit, LeRoy, Luther, Stanwood, Morley, Scottville, Reed City and others.

On those charges not so visited, the Pastors have labored with equally commendable zeal, supplementing the revival with personal appeals, thus gathering the young and cultured life of the community into the church. With few exceptions every charge has been blessed by a thorough work of grace. Reports handed in during the last week by the Pastors give 1,600 conversions this year; 1,200 probationers; 800 net gain in members, not all we wish, but for which we record our sincere gratitude to God. The Epworth League and Sunday School work are in a healthy state, growing in numbers and in spiritual power.

The District Camp Meeting reported in last week's "Advocate," held on the old camping ground near Reed City, was a great success this year.

Times are hard, we admit, nevertheless success has been achieved in the Master's name. We do not come with the wail of despair, but with peans of victory.

L. E. Lennox.

COLDWATER DISTRICT.

Eight hundred souls have been converted; the Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues have shown an inspiring growth; improvements have been made in our Church and parsonage property; old debts have been paid, and the collections for missions, Albion College and the other benevolences advanced. I fear, however, that some of the Pastors will report a deficiency in their salaries. Not until the whole Church adopts as its financial system, Malachi 3:10, and I Cor. 16:2, shall we see a better state of things as to ministerial support and the offerings for benevolence.

The following are some of the results of the year's work on the charges: Revivals at East Quincy, Coldwater, East LeRoy, Burlington, Camden, Leonidas, Colon, Constantine, Florence, West Noble, Jonesville, Osseo, Lickley's Corners, Sherwood, Pittsford and South Pittsford, White Pigeon, Aldrich, Bankers and Stony Point have added numbers and strength to those churches.

New churches have been built at Findley, costing $1,800; Frontier, $2,625; West Reading, $1,800, and Waldron, $2,000. These are either paid for or fully provided for by good subscriptions. Old debts have been paid off at Centreville, Nottawa, Constantine, Gilead, Girard, Hillsdale, Moscow Plains and Sturgis, and improvements to church and parsonage property have been made at Burlington, Clarendon, $300; Camden, $200; Montgomery, Constantine, Jonesville, Moscow Plains, Osseo, $1,225, Ransom, Lickley's Corners, Pittsford and South Pittsford, and a new parsonage at Athens.

It was hoped Dr. Gould's pastorate at Coldwater would continue the full term. During the first six months of the year the Church was in a constant revival, and all interests exceedingly prosperous; but in April the Pastor's health failed to such a degree that it became necessary to secure an assistant. Wm. Barth, a member of this body, attending school in Chicago, was employed and has served the charge with acceptability since April 19.

Wheatland is the only charge on the district in which the death angel has visited the Pastor's home during the year. In the midst of revival meetings at Aldrich, a new appointment, where many were converted through the labors of Brother and Sister Kirby, and where, in the near future, a church will be erected partly as a tribute to her zeal, Sister Kirby was called to her heavenly home. Her stricken husband has carried forward the work on the charge and will report a good increase in membership, and amounts for benevolence greatly in excess of last year.

Our District Camp Meeting was highly favored with visits and grand services from Bishops Walden and Ninde, Dr. Potts of the Michigan Advocate and Evangelist Kain of Philadelphia. Despite an epidemic of storms and mosquitoes the services were well attended, souls were saved, and the financial receipts $150 more than the preceding year. The spiritual influence was so glorious that the association unanimously voted to make those grounds the permanent location for the camp meeting, and a number of cottages will soon be built there.

R. W. Van Schoick.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.

The district rejoices in view of the fact that more than one thousand souls have been converted at our altars during the year, and of this number about five hundred have been added to the Church, so that after making up for losses by deaths and removals, there will be a creditable gain in the number of members reported.

Each Pastor was asked to report to me as to the employment of "Evangelists," so called, and to give an estimate of the value of the services of these persons.

With four exceptions, the reports, opinions and comments of the Pastors were unfavorable to the employment of the class named, and the results of their work far from satisfactory, or at all compensatory for the outlay. The reports are remarkably similar in several respects: They tell of great upheavals of feeling, small desire to unite with the Church, the displacement of the Hymnal to make way for the private speculation of the professional revivalist in "cheap" song books, failure to grow on the part of converts, and a loss of spiritual fibre on the part of our people.

During the past year few of the Pastors have used these helpers, yet the number of conversions is fully up to the reports of last year and the accessions to the Church are in number much beyond last year, when these men (or women) were much more largely employed.

And it is not difficult to discern from the testimonies of our people in the love feasts that where the Hymnal is used there is usually a clearer understanding of the doctrines of grace and the teachings of our Church than in those places where it has been pushed aside by inferior publications, the contents of which "ring so hollow to the ear."

In property matters there has been considerable advance. New churches have been built entirely during the year at Caledonia, Irving, and Dalton on the North Muskegon work, besides the completion of several mentioned by me in my last report as being under construction. Among these last is Feakins Memorial in the city of Grand Rapids and the Epworth Church in the northern part of the city.

Last spring our parsonage at Robinson was destroyed by fire; but the Trustees, having wisely kept the building insured, were enabled to rebuild during the summer, and the Pastor appointed at this session will find ready for him a new and well planned house. Our church in Middleville has been enlarged by the addition of several large rooms for general purposes.

Plainfield Ave. has the foundation in place upon which to erect a parsonage.

The benevolences have been pushed to the full extent of duty in nearly every charge, but as our people have not in hand the money which they once possessed, there will, no doubt, be a falling off from the figures of last year.

Special missionary meetings were held in every charge and enthusiastic speakers provided. We have no apologies; we have done our best.

A case in one of the churches in Grand Rapids will illustrate the fidelity of the Pastors, and the interest of our people in the benevolences. A lady gave her watch and chain to the Pastor with the request that it be sold and the proceeds be given to missions. The Pastor protested that

she needed the watch, that it had value to her because of associations, etc., to all of which she replied that she was impressed that it was her duty to do this thing.

The Pastor accordingly received the watch, and within a few days a person, whose name must remain unknown, purchased the watch, paying the cash therefor, and in turn donated the watch to the original giver.

The Pastors' salaries are not fully paid and the deficiencies in some cases are painful, yet the men have stood nobly by their people.

In most instances there might have been a better result reached had proper plans been made and proper means employed.

In some cases these deficiencies are the result of the absolute inability of the people to meet the case.

Several churches have made substantial reductions of debts easily. First among these is Central Church, Muskegon, which has taken care of a debt running into the thousands, and will thus escape what has been in the past a serious drawback upon its usefulness.

Each of the churches meeting debts during the year, while not facing so large an amount, yet has done what was perhaps the equal of any other when all things are considered

The sum of the whole matter is: Every Pastor has been faithful and industrious; every Church has prospered in some way or another; nearly all have seen conversions; all have kept their property in good condition; the young people in League and Sunday School love the Church more than ever because they know more of it than ever, and the good God has been with us in power and mercy.

W. I. Cogshall.

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

The year now closing has been one of hard labor and great sacrifice by the Pastors of Grand Traverse District.

Many of them have received a very meager support. Nearly all of the salaries are small, and our people in many cases have been unable to pay all of them. In some cases the receipts from the charge will not exceed $100. Several Pastors will not be able to attend the session of the Annual Conference, yet there has been heard no murmuring. All have wrought right manfully.

Were it not for your aversion to long reports I would be delighted to lay before you a full account of their labors. The financial distress has been more severe than ever. Many of the people have had nothing to sell but poor potatoes, and there was no market even for good ones. Both salaries and benevolences will suffer because there is so little money in circulation.

We are now ready for gold, or silver, or both, and will not refuse paper unless coupons are offered. But for the aid we received from our missionary board and the W. H. M. S. we would be compelled to abandon several important fields. Yet out of their deep poverty our people have, with great sacrifice, contributed a very respectable amount to the improvement of church property. Traverse City has paid her debt of

about $1,400. Harbor Springs and Kalkaska have closed all their debt accounts, and others have reduced their obligations. Among them are Bellaire, Boyne City and Mackinaw City. We have given especial attention to the liquidation of the debts made in more prosperous times.

New church enterprises have been inaugurated on the Kalkaska charge, at Copemish, at West Traverse, at Central Lake; on the Bellaire circuit, at Burdickville, on the Oviatt charge, and at Inland. Some years ago a lady at Inland made a will giving $500 to help to build a church there. This money will soon be available.

Two churches have been dedicated, one at Pleasanton on the Bear Lake circuit, also one at Central Lake. Rev. A. J. Eldred raised the money to pay for this church and dedicated it.

Extensive repairs have been made on our church at Charlevoix, costing over $1,200. Also at Frankfort, costing about $400. Many others have improved their church property, notably Sherman, Mancelona and Bellaire.

Three parsonages have been secured. Petoskey purchased a good home, well located, for $2,500, and added $200 in repairs; about $1,000 have been paid on this and other improvements. A new parsonage was built at Empire on the Oviatt charge. A debt of $200 will be paid in one or two years. West Traverse, one of our feeblest charges financially, reports a new church and parsonage. Both are incomplete, but both are in a condition to be occupied. Great credit is due the Pastor who gave all the work to build the parsonage and it is a perfect gem. In all about $9,000 have been paid on church debts and improvements. We shall report about $160 paid on the mission debt.

Our benevolences may not be equal to last year in dollars, but they will represent far greater sacrifices. Several of our charges are too large for one man, and the people are asking earnestly for more laborers, but it is impossible to grant their request without larger missionary appropriations, which we know we cannot expect.

Three of our sisters have been transferred to the Church triumphant. The wives of Revs. A. J. Eldred, S. P. Hewitt and W. Z. Cole. Appropriate memorials will appear in the Minutes. A local camp meeting was held on the Frankfort camp ground in August. The attendance was not large, but it was a season of great spiritual power. Two Indian camp meetings were held. The attendance of white people was very large, and the Indians received much spiritual profit. Our Indian work has had a year of marked prosperity. It is well manned.

Many gracious revivals have cheered us during all the months of the year. Four of our Pastors closed the year amid seasons of refreshing.

About 600 converts have been reported and about the same number have been added to the Church.

E. L. Kellogg.

IONIA DISTRICT.

In the northen half of my district every city, village and town is deeply feeling the departure of the lumber interest, and the almost hopeless delay of the coming of an adequate substitute. In the farming communities in this particular belt the pine is all gone, and chiefly stumps, decaying logs, briars, sand and potatoes remain.

Notwithstanding depressed financial conditions, the year has been more prosperous and satisfactory than any other in the term. Nearly every charge in the district has shared in a gracious revival, and there have been added to the Churches a good many hundred saved souls. In some of these charges the revival influence has been very deep and wide spread and all classes have been reached.

Foremost among the charges thus realizing such results are Orleans, Coral, Greenville Circuit, Belding, Palo, Lowell, Sebewa, Lake Odessa, Carson City and Bowne.

A fine Gothic church, containing all modern improvements, is being built at Freeport. Its cost will be $4,000. A church is also being built at the Snow appointment on the Ada charge to cost $1,000, and one each at Deerfield Center and Belvidere. Sand Lake has built and dedicated a neat church at a cost of $1,500.

A new parsonage has been purchased at Belding, and the church at Palo greatly improved. Three of our churches were struck by lightning But little damage was done, and that was covered by insurance. In one of the towns where our church was struck, a Baptist brother remarked to one of our members. "The Lord seems to be after you Methodists lately; it looks as if He meant to strike all your churches with lightning," to which the Methodist replied, "The Lord knows where to find every Methodist church, but they are the only ones whose whereabouts he knows."

Our Long Lake camp meeting this year was very satisfactory in attendance and results. We were most highly favored with the presence among us for a while of our beloved Bishops Walden and Ninde. Their sermons and addresses were most soul inspiring, and we all felt that we had received a blessed uplift in the Christian life by their timely and fitting utterances.

Into the home of our Brother Golden came the death angel and took away the companion of his toils in the ministry; a most estimable and helpful minister's wife, and a faithful follower of Christ.

The Pastors and the Presiding Elder have been faithful to the benevolent interests of the Church and yet, in spite of this, I fear that the pressure of the times was more than we could measure against.

J. I. Buell.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

These annual Conference sessions are something like eminences in the traveler's pathway, where he pauses for a while to look back upon the landscape over which he has come and then out upon that which is before him.

Early in the year we were called upon to bury the remains of one of our superannuated brethren, Rev. Samuel Kitzmiller, who died at his home in Kalamazoo, January 8, 1896. He was a good man and won many souls for his Master.

It has been the occasion of a great joy to me to witness the devotion to their work of the Pastors on the district. These men have toiled hard. They have done what they could. They have been wholesome examples of the flock of Christ.

We have had revivals, a goodly number of souls have been converted at the altars of our churches, possibly between 400 and 500, and the membership of these churches has been considerably increased. The charges which have shared most largely in revival blessings are Allegan, Augusta, Banfield, Ganges, Martin, Mendon, Otsego, Prairieville, Richland, South Haven and Trowbridge.

But the work of the year cannot properly be estimated by the number of conversions and accessions, but rather by the vigorous church life that has been maintained. It has happened in the past that after a spasm in revival effort, there has been a general collapse of the life of the Church, from which she did not recover for months, or even years.

It has not been so within the bounds of Kalamazoo District this year. The general life of the Church, as a rule, has been vigorously maintained, both where revivals have abounded and where they have not. This is indicated by the interest manifest in every department of Church work.

Almost all the churches have maintained good, vigorous, aggressive Sunday Schools, and, as for me, I set a high estimate upon proper Sunday School work. If I had to choose between a church which utterly neglects Sunday School work and depends for its future life and growth on revivals alone and one which depends upon vigorous and proper Sunday School work for its future life and growth, I would prefer the latter and would expect in twenty-five years from now to have the stronger and more effective church of the two. But the ideal church will depend upon both. "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

Again, the strength of the church life has manifested itself in the growth and activity of the Epworth Leagues on the district. We have now somewhere about 2,162 members of the Epworth League, and about 806 members of the Junior League, making in all about 2,968. All of these maintain their weekly devotional meetings, and many of them do something in the way of specific Bible study and other literary work, while some have done work in the "Mercy and Help" and social departments of the League.

Then again, the strength of the life of the Church has expressed itself in the support given to the great benevolent enterprises of the Church.

Notwithstanding the financial stringency which is upon us, a stringency more binding and embarrassing than this State has known for a

quarter of a century, the support given by the churches to the benevolent causes will equal that of former years. Indeed, the indications are that it will go beyond that of last year.

However, the day that was fixed upon by the general missionary secretaries as "Debt-paying Day" was a very unfortunate one on my district. A heavy rain storm swept over the country, both morning and evening, so that not so much was realized on that day as otherwise might have been.

In the matter of ministerial support, I fear there has been somewhat of a decline from former years, not that there has been less of effort to meet the claims of the preachers, but there has been so much less of ability that in some cases failure has been inevitable.

Something has also been done in the way of improvement of church property. At South Haven, the enterprise of remodeling and refurnishing the church building, which was begun a year ago, has been completed. The whole cost of the enterprise has been about $3,200, about $2,500 of which has already been paid, and the rest has been provided for in good subscriptions. The church at Ganges is now being remodeled and refurnished at a probable cost of nearly $2,000, three-fourths of which has already been subscribed. Some of the parsonages have also been improved at more or less of cost. All in all, we have had a good year on Kalamzaoo District.

LEVI MASTER.

LANSING DISTRICT.

For the sixth and last time we now come before the Conference with our annual report of Lansing District. We have reason to believe that this year is behind none of its predecessors in the amount of faithful work done by the Pastors, in the number of souls saved, as well as in the improvement and increase of church property.

A grand total of 831 souls have been added to the Church on probation. Three new churches have been built, two of which are dedicated free from debt, and the other is about ready for dedication. Repairs and improvements to church and parsonage property amounting to about $15,000 have been made during the year. The preachers' salaries have not all been paid in full, and although the benevolences have been faithfully presented, I fear that the stringency of the times has made it impossible to meet the full apportionments. Every charge on the district promptly reported its collection for Albion College.

The results of the labors of the year are shown in accessions to the churches on nearly all the charges. Revivals have been blessing nearly every appointment, notably at Winfield, Charlotte, Vermontville, Gresham, Bannister, DuPlain, Breckenridge, Sethton, Shepardsville, DeWitt, Ithaca, Okemos, Eagle and Maple Rapids.

It has been a year of improving and remodeling churches and parsonage property. Mason has made extensive changes and alterations in its church. Improvements and repairs have been made at Eaton Rapids, Winfield, Potterville, Charlotte, Vermontville, Gresham, Bannister, DuPlain, Elm Hall, Alma, Parkinson, Lansing First, Lansing Central, Breckenridge, Shepardsville, Elsie, Ithaca and Maple Rapids. Debts

have been partially or wholly paid at Elm Hall, Lansing Central, Ovid and Middleton. The new church at St. Johns was dedicated after Conference last year, and subscriptions enough secured to cover all indebtedness. DeWitt has replaced its old frame church with a new one of brick, costing $2,000. On the Sickles and Ashley charge, the people at the Sowers appointment have built a neat church, costing $1,500. The elegant new church at Alma is almost finished. It is the finest church in Gratiot county.

The Sabbath School interests of the district are prosperous, while both the Senior and Junior Departments of the Epworth League have gained largely in membership. Death has not entered the home of any Pastor during the year. I desire to return my heartiest thanks to the brethren now on the district, and to all who have served during my term for their uniform courtesy and kindly consideration manifested to me personally.

We surrender our portfolio to our successor with the hope and prayer that the good Lord will smile upon his labors even yet more graciously and abundantly than upon ours, and that on Lansing District,

"From victory unto victory
His army shall he lead,
Till every foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed."

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. HICKEY.

NILES DISTRICT.

Some of our Preachers began revival meetings early in the Conference year, and in a few instances these meetings were continued with increasing spiritual power, through six or eight weeks, resulting in a large number of conversions and accessions to the Church. Among the charges most notably blessed with such precious ingatherings, we mention Marcellus and Stevensville, in each of which there were about 100 accessions to our Church.

Our Annual Camp Meeting at Crystal Springs was one of the best. We were especially favored by the presence and ministry of Bishop Walden, whose sermon and lecture were greatly enjoyed by all. There were a number of conversions, and many were led into a richer Christian experience.

The organizationof the Epworth League, with a view to better utilize the talent and influence of Christian young people in the work of Christ, is grandly illustrating the wisdom and purpose of its organizers.

My observation inspires the conviction that our Leaguers are as loyal to the doctrines and polity of our Church as any others in the Church, and they are as ready to protest against the encroachments of questionable amusements upon the life and conduct of Christians as are the older members of the Church. There are 37 chapters in the district, with an aggregate membership of 1,500 and 11 Junior Leagues, with a total membership of 475.

The Sunday School interests have been well conserved, and a good work done during the year. The 58 Sunday Schools, with an enrollment of 5,000 scholars, have been largely under the management of enthusiastic and efficient officers and teachers.

In view of the depleted condition of our missionary treasury, and the prevailing monetary stringency, it was felt that special effort would be required if the pressing needs were met in the line of our benevolences.

By action of our District Conference, a method new to us was adopted for raising the missionary and some other of the benevolence funds. It was called the co-operative plan. Our district was divided into four sections and each of these sections was canvassed by three Ministers traveling together. Missionary dinners and teas were held wherever practicable, and addresses were made and pledges taken for the cause. On circuit charges it proved a success. I am quite sure that some of the Preachers from those charges will be able to report a commendable advance over last year.

The Pipestone Church, on Eau Claire charge, was reopened the first Sabbath of this Conference year. It had undergone thorough reconstruction, being made practically a new edifice, at a cost of $1,400. The remaining debt of $600 was provided for at the reopening.

At Jones, on the Vandalia charge, the last installment of an old lingering debt, amounting to $150, has been paid.

The church at St. Joseph has been recarpeted, the lecture room papered and other improvements made at a cost of $400.

At Niles, a new cement sidewalk improves the church and parsonage property, at a cost of $150. Also at other points improvements were made aggregating a total outlay of $3,500. At Marcellus a new parsonage is building, costing $1,200, which will be ready for occupancy in a month.

The trustees at Edwardsburg have made a much needed addition to the parsonage, at a cost of $400.

At Cassopolis, the Pastor, Rev. J. H. Thomas, led his people in a similar enterprise, at a cost of $150.

On December 4, 1895, death came to the parsonage in Vandalia. Sister Mary Deal Miller, beloved wife of the Rev. Hale H. Miller, after an illness of six weeks, passed to her heavenly home at the age of twenty years. During the brief time she was a pastor's wife she was greatly beloved by all who knew her, and gave promise of eminent usefulness in that important relation.

It would give me great pleasure to report the salaries of the preachers paid in full, but the facts will not sustain such a report.

These salaries are low enough at best, and they are in most cases well earned, and it is severe hardship to find at the end of the year that there is to be a shortage. I have done what I could to prevent this by prompting the boards of stewards and the congregations, also by writing personal letters to derelict stewards, urging them to diligence in their work.

J. W. H. Carlisle.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

	Cash.	Vouchers.	Total.
Receipts by Districts.			
Albion	$4,262 25	$3,013 50	$7,275 75
Big Rapids	2,568 40	1,244 00	3,812 40
Coldwater	2,952 36	1,508 00	4,460 36
Grand Rapids	4,488 50	893 00	5,381 50
Grand Traverse	1,370 00	858 00	2,228 00
Ionia	2,198 85	1,045 50	3,244 35
Kalamazoo	3,243 70	1,998 00	5,241 70
Lansing	3,326 55	1,743 00	5,069 55
Niles	2,551 50	899 00	3,450 50
Totals	$26,962 11	$13,202 00	$40,164 11
Received from Other Sources.			
From Book Concern	$2,759 00		
Methodist Publishing Co.	2,180 12		
Bissell fund	213 53		
Parkhurst fund	18 55		
Pierce fund	30 57		
Martha J. Van Horn fund	17 50		
Chartered fund	22 00		
Conference collection for claimants, Cr. to Central church	76 27		
Collection for minutes	37 00		
Collection for Conference expenses	52 95		
Special collection for Church Extension Society	21 72		
Ministerial offering to Conference claimants	782 76		
Total from other sources	$6,211 97		
Total cash received	$33,174 08		
Total vouchers received		$13,202 00	
Grand total receipts			$46,376 08
Disbursements.			
Missions	$13,820 63	$2,482 50	$16,303 13
Church Extension	1,550 72	48 00	1,598 72
Freedmen's Aid and S. Education	1,162 50	33 00	1,195 50
Children's Day fund	530 15	504 10	1,034 25
Albion College	1,149 90	1,974 40	3,124 30
Tract Society	298 00	13 00	311 00
S. S. Union	327 86	13 00	340 86
American Bible Society	311 00	33 00	344 00
Episcopal fund	1,078 45	8 00	1,086 45
Episcopal residence	75 50		75 50
Conference claimants	11,736 04		11,736 04
General Conference expense	58 25	84 00	142 25
W. F. Missionary Society	9 37	5,174 00	5,183 37
W. H. Missionary Society	4 00	2,835 00	2,839 00
P. J. Maveety, Conference expense	8 60		8 60
P. J. Maveety, Conference minutes	220 95		220 95
E. V. Armstrong, Conference expense	10 60		10 60
E. V. Armstrong, overdraft by error to Episcopal fund last year and now charged to that fund	5 05		5 05
Chas. Nease, Conference expense	11 25		11 25
Railway Association	5 00		5 00
Janitor Central church	10 00		10 00
James Hamilton, Treasurer's book	7 50		7 50
Ministerial offering returned	775 95		775 95
Balance on hand	6 81		6 81
Totals	$33,174 08	$13,202 00	$46,376 08

MEMOIRS.

REV. JOHN M. REID, D. D.

One of the brightest names on the roll of this Conference is now transferred to the record of departed fellow workers. Dr. John Morrison Reid came to us by transfer in 1868. He came in his prime, a strong man, a great man. Cicero said, "There never was a great man unless through divine inspiration." John M. Reid was not lacking in this essential condition of greatness. In childhood he heard the whisper of the still, small voice, and in young manhood was not disobedient to the heavenly visitation.

He was born in New York City, May 30, 1820, and born again in the same city in 1834. His parents were natives of Ireland, his father an Episcopalian and his mother a Presbyterian. Being plain people, they both attended the old John Street Methodist church and became members. He united with Bedford Street Church, but for years he was a member at Green Street and of Joseph Longking's famous Bible class, and an active worker in Sunday Schools. At the age of eighteen he was licensed to preach, and became a busy worker at the prisons, asylums and on the docks. He was not above his business. He loved the ministry in any capacity, and longed to be useful.

Early and late he had to toil with his father in the shop to obtain a livelihood, yet by dint of hard study in the free schools, in Rev. Thomas Carter's Academy, and in St. Luke's classical school, he gained preparation for the University. Having no money of his own, he borrowed some and earned more while pursuing the course, and at the age of nineteen graduated from the New York University, and later from the Union Theological Seminary. Then, to pay off his debts, he engaged in teaching, and was enjoying an unusually large salary as an instructor in the School of Mathematics and Tradesmen, when, his debts liquidated, in 1844, he relinquished his fine position with its fat salary, joined the New York Conference, and accepted an appointment to Wolcottville, a struggling little circuit where his income was not one-fifth what it had been as teacher, and where his long years of preparation, his scholarly ambitions and refined tastes were apparently thrown away.

Yet conscious of the divine summons, he threw himself unreservedly into the work, won some souls for God, attracted large congregations to his ministry, remained two years, and was encouraged by knowing that better appointments would gladly welcome him.

In 1846 he was appointed to Bakersville, where God gave him great refreshings and many souls. Here he lost his wife, Anna Mason, whom he had married November 14, 1844. In 1847 he was appointed to Jamaica, L. I. In 1848, at Redding, Conn., he married Miss Caroline L. Fauter, the devoted sharer of his subsequent joys and sorrows, and his constant companion in age and death. In 1849 he was appointed to

Birmingham; in 1851 to Middletown, Conn., the seat of Wesleyan University; in 1853 to Seventh Street, New York; in 1855 to Summerfield, Brooklyn, where he built the present church edifice, and in 1857 to Bridgport, Conn., where he had a great revival. In March, 1858, he accepted the presidency of Genesee College, at Lima, N. Y., remaining eight years, and in 1864 was elected editor of the Western Christian Advocate.

Being a strong and finished writer and a brilliant and forcible speaker, he now began to win a fame as wide as the Church. His splendid body was matched by a magnificent intellect and a strong heart. He clothed his substantial thoughts in elegant diction, and presented them to his hearers in a manner always calculated to impress and move. His voice was clear and melodious, and his style dignified and natural. His sermons were thoroughly prepared, and generally delivered without manuscript. On special occasions he would rise to the sublime, and sway his audiences as an autumn wind moves the forest boughs. He could paint as fine a word picture as Punshon, and in climax could measure up toward the height of a Simpson. Bishop Foss pronounces him as in his prime, "the well-nigh faultless model of a preacher and pastor." A volume of his best sermons would be especially welcomed by the Church.

In 1856 he was first chosen a delegate to the General Conference, being only thirty-six years of age, and was elected to the eight succeeding sessions, five times by our own Conference.

In 1838 he was elected editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, and in 1872 a Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, continuously filling this post of honor and usefulness until 1888 when he was accorded the relation of Honorary Secretary, holding this relation until death. Once he was elected a Bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, an honor accorded to no other minister of our Church, but he declined, preferring to serve in the Church of his first choice.

Such a career is truly remarkable. It reminds of Longfellow's words:

> "A life of honor and of worth
> Has no eternity on earth,
> 'Tis but a name.
> And yet its glory far exceeds
> That base and sensual life which leads
> To want and shame."

Dr. Reid's life was crowned with honor because he held it steadily to a high standard of consecration and concentration. He trusted God and wrought with energy. He filled lofty stations, yet was himself humble. He was charged with tremendous responsibilities, yet was always simple in manner, kind in spirit, approachable in bearing and true to duty.

As a pastor his practical sagacity in the management of church interests won for him the unbounded admiration of his parishioners. As an editor his solidity of thought and perspicuity of expression enlisted the attachment of his patrons. As a missionary secretary his grasp of the essential principles governing the society, and of the indispensable details of the office, and his exercise of the progressive yet conservative spirit of the solicitor and overseer, gave to his administration, through four quadrenniums, an element of great value and helpfulness. As a man Dr. Reid excelled in the qualities of far-sightedness, self-possession and complete devotement to the task he had in hand. Judicious investments in city real estate brought him a competency. Later on, a just recognition of the claims of the less fortunate, and of the needs of various public

institutions, led him to give largely and without ostentation. He contributed a large sum toward the endowment of Syracuse University, the direct successor of Genesee College of which he had been President, and it was he who purchased the great Leopold Von Ranke library for the use of the same institution. He gave fifteen thousand dollars for the rescue of our imperiled missionary interests in India; five thousand dollars for the care and recuperation of returned missionaries at Clifton Springs Sanitarium; a large sum for the endowment of a bed in Brooklyn Methodist hospital; educated several young men at his own expense, and otherwise devised ways and means for the relief and blessing of his fellow men. It is said that a full list of his various gifts would astonish many who would wonder how, without participating in speculative schemes, he was able to perform such deeds.

In society Dr. Reid was attractive and entertaining. In domestic life he was gentle and tender. In religious life he was devout and faithful. Personally he was high-minded and pure. Publicly he was discriminating and patriotic.

He traveled considerably, in India, Germany, Italy, Bulgaria, the Scandinavian countries, Mexico, and in all portions of the United States. His pen was also busy. He wrote a history of our Methodist missions, a volume on Doomed Religions, and contributed instructive articles to the reviews and higher periodicals.

Up to within two weeks of his death he was active, then was taken suddenly ill with œdema of the lungs, and was supposed to be dying, but rallied, and remained until the morning of May 16, 1896, when his great soul exchanged mortality for life.

As showing the respect of other Christians for his character and life history, the Harlem Presbyterian church requested that his funeral be held from its altar, which was done. A representative audience was present. Addresses were delivered by Chancellor McCracken, of New York University; Dr. A. S. Hunt, a life-long friend; Prof. Wells of Union College and Rev. Dr. Henry Baker. In God's acre he rests in the city of his birth and of his childhood home.

J. H. Potts.

JOHN CLUBINE.

Rev. John Clubine was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, September 14, 1828; died at Mosherville, Michigan, June 13, 1896. In 1842 he came with his parents to this State, and settled near Three Rivers, St. Joseph county. His early life was spent upon a farm with his father where the young man acquired habits of industry and practical application that served him admirably in his ministry.

About the age of twenty he became awakened to his soul's interest and fell under the fervent preaching of Rev. A. J. Eldred, made the surrender of his heart to the Savior and began an active Christian life. Soon after he heard another voice calling him to broader fields of activity. It was the call of God to the ministry which he promptly obeyed, and without wavering, following the drawing of his conviction.

In the year 1854 he went as a supply under Presiding Elder, the late J. K. Gillett, and was appointed to Osseo charge. The following year he joined the Michigan Conference at Flint, there being but one Conference in the State. At the division he was on the territory where he has stayed to conclude his life work. The following have been his fields of labor: Union City, 1855, one year; Burr Oak, 1856, two years; Union City, 1858, two years; Mottville, 1860, two years; Girard, 1862, two years; Litchfield and Mosherville, 1864, three years; Allen, 1867, three years; North Adams, 1870, two years; Osseo, 1872, three years; Cambria, 1875, one year; Bronson, 1876, three years; White Pigeon, 1879, three years; Reading, 1882, one year; Colon, 1883, one year; Centreville, 1884, three years; Springport, 1887, two years; Marengo, 1889, five years; Liberty, 1894, one year; Mosherville, 195, where he finished his work.

Brother Clubine was married twice; March 12, 1857, to Mary E. Fowler, who preceded him to the better land twenty-five years on the day of his funeral. Five children were the result of this union, three of whom are living. On March 20, 1872, he was married to Mary E. Donovan, who survives him.

When one inquires for the traits of Brother Clubine's character, the things that made him what he was, there comes the thought of a man in whom predominated modesty, kindness, integrity. Nature had endowed him richly with these elements and when they were emphasized and adorned by grace they stood out so distinctly as to stamp him with this identity and compel this estimate. To see him was to know he was modest; to hear him speak was to know he was kindly, and to deal with him was to know he was honest; and whether in the pulpit or out, he was everywhere the sterling man of integrity.

As a preacher he was expository, practical, spiritual. The traits of his character entered into his sermons. His modesty made him conservative, free from overstatement and extravagance. He was kindly, love was the master spirit of his themes. He saw the best side of men, believed in them, trusted them, and when dealing with their faults and foibles taught by persuasion rather than by compulsion. At times he delivered the Master's message, not of peace, but a sword, feeling the vows of God upon him. Then his integrity stood out as a prophet sent to declare the whole counsel of God. He was honest with the souls of men. But when delivering this message of the Master it was always in the Master's spirit. He believed the Gospel to be God's plan of saving men and under this conviction he persuaded, allured, and was honest.

As as administrator and Pastor he excelled. Quiet in his disposition and well poised, he was master of himself and therefore could rule men. His official boards followed him, and by quiet power that was always effective he moved the Church forward, building parsonages, improving property, increasing the temporal as well as the spiritual interests in every Church he served. Among the people he was a welcome guest. Having touched all sides of life in his long experience, he knew some of the springs of the human heart, and when affliction came to his people, or losses or crosses, there was no visitor more alert than this Pastor and none more welcome.

He was sought for as a Pastor. The people felt that he was a desirable man. As evidence of how much he was sought for and how readily he could be stationed, through his long ministry he was only on two dis-

tricts, thirty-three years on Coldwater District and the balance of the time on Albion, a record unparalleled in the history of Methodism.

He wished to die in the harness. God gave him his desire. For forty-three years this good and useful man had gone in and out before the Methodism of Michigan. Full of years, rich in experience, having left to the Church a rich legacy of growth and influence, he has gone from among us without a whisper upon his name or stain upon his character.

Through his sickness he suffered much but never murmured. He frequently expressed a wish to get well. Why not? He had much to live for. A faithful wife whom he loved, three beautiful daughters, a church who had borne him in its arms and prayed for his recovery. Not to have wished to have lived would have been abnormal, but when the inexorable came he saw it, cheerfully submitted, and said, "It is all right." The end was at once touching and assuring. To one of our ministers he said, "It is no longer prayer, it is all praise now." To another, "I have stepped into a larger experience." To his doctor he said, "Be faithful unto death." He preached his last sermon to the family and a few friends surrounding his bed. Said an eye witness, "Such a scene I never saw before, and such words as fell from his lips I never heard come from man." He concluded with the sentence, "Good bye, I love you all."

His funeral was largely attended by old parishioners coming from surrounding charges where he had labored, also friends from a distance. A good representation of his ministerial bretheren was present, all of them taking part: T. H. Jacokes, R. W. Van Schoick, Joshua White, J. G. Crosier, Isaiah Wilson, E. F. Newell, E. Tench, A. E. Craig, A. F. Hart, L. E. Lovejoy, J. G. Ruoff, W. H. Parsons, John Graham.

He wished to be buried where he had done his last work. The desire was carried out and on the afternoon of Tuesday, the sixteenth day of June, we laid him to rest in the little cemetery at Mosherville to sleep until that morning when this mortal shall put on immortality and death shall be swallowed up in victory.

JOHN GRAHAM.

SAMUEL KITZMILLER.

Rev. Samuel Kitzmiller was born in Gettysburg, Adams county, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1832, and died of paralysis in Kalamazoo, Michigan, January 8, 1896, at the age of 63 years, 1 month and 22 days.

His parents were members of the German Reformed Church, but he was converted in the sixteenth year of his age, under the ministry of a Methodist preacher of the old Baltimore Conference, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in Gettysbug, November 14, 1848.

He was licensed as a local preacher in York, Pennsylvania, in 1859, and was ordained a Local Deacon by Bishop Ames at a session of the East Baltimore Conference, held in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

He came to Michigan in October, 1865, and within two weeks after his arrival was employed as a supply on the Midland Circuit, Detroit Conference, by Rev. T. J. Joslin, Presiding Elder. He joined the Detroit Conference on probation in the autumn of 1866. He was ordained an Elder by Bishop Clark in 1870.

He was transferred to the Michigan Conference in the fall of 1873. His appointments have been Midland, Farmington, Flat Rock, Denton and Walled Lake in the Detroit Conference, and Bushnell, Fairplains, Carson City, Maple Rapids, Lamont, Waukeshma, Richland and Bloomingdale in the Michigan Conference.

In the fall of 1890, he took a supernumerary relation on account of failing health. From that time till his death he lived in Kalamazoo.

He was married to Miss Sarah Hayden of Martinsburg, West Virignia, July 18, 1854. To them were born eight children, two of whom have died. During the first year of his pastorate in Waukeshma (1883-4), he was almost overwhelmed with grief on account of the death of his wife. In his memorandum book I found the following entry: "My dear wife was called to leave me by death on the 15th December of this Conference year, after traveling life's pathway with me for nearly thirty years. We laid her away with sorrowful hearts, in an itinerant's grave."

He was married a second time to Miss C. C. Head, of Kalamazoo, who survives him.

He was quite successful in the work of a Gospel preacher. His records show that about eight hundred persons were brought to Christ by his ministry. This gives an average of about forty a year. Surely this is a magnificent record to leave behind him in the world, and a glorious one to take with him into Heaven.

His preaching, which was earnest and enthusiastic, partook largely of the evangelistic character. But if in any exercise he attained to heights of power not reached by ordinary men it was while on his knees before the Lord. He could prevail in prayer. This was the secret of the sucesses of his life.

He was a large hearted man. He loved his wife and children. He loved his friends. His affections were not fluctuating but constant, not variable but abiding.

During his illness he knew death was approaching, but he had hope beyond. His last illness was long and weary, but his end was peace. He died without a struggle.

His remains were taken to Waukeshma for the funeral service and burial. In the church where once he ministered to the people in holy things his funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Brothers DeLamarter, East, Hathaway, Loomis, Van Antwerp, Lamport, and other preachers of the district.

The people to whom he once preached the Gospel came out in large numbers to look upon the face of a former Pastor for the last time. After the service his remains were taken to a rural cemetery near by, where the winding sheet of snow which nature had thrown over the grave of his wife was lifted up and there by the side of the itinerant's wife, whom with sorrowful heart he laid away in the years gone by, we laid the itinerant himself.

LEVI MASTER.

MRS. REV. THOMAS CLEGHORN.

Elizabeth Williams Cleghorn was born at Bloomfield, Ontario, in September, 1825, and was the third daughter of John P. and Mary Williams, whose home was well known to the preachers of half a century ago. Elizabeth was early converted to God and was one of the first pupils at Burlington Ladies' Academy, Hamilton. In 1848 she was married to the Rev. Thomas Cleghorn, and for twenty-two years in Canada and eight in Michigan shared the toils and trials of the itinerancy. Nearly eighteen years ago Mr. Cleghorn was taken with paralysis in the pulpit and died in three hours. Since that time, through various trials and infirmities, she has kept the same kindly and useful, devout and consistent course. After a visit of several months to friends in Ontario, she left for her youngest son's residence in Joliet, Ill. Taken ill on the way she reached there the next day and three days later, on the 12th October, 1895, entered the rest which remaineth for the people of God.

WILLIAM TOMLIN.

MRS. MARIA E. COLE.

Another Methodist parsonage is shrouded in sorrow, another Pastor is bereft of his counselor, helper, stay; but there is a silver lining to the cloud shadowing the home of Rev. W. Z. Cole. Truly "blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Marie E. Comer was born at Rawsonville, Washtenaw county, Michigan, February 7, 1847. She was married to Rev. W. G. Cole, March 29, 1876.

Her Christian life covered twenty-three years. Her work as the wife of a Methodist pastor filled nine and a half years. She was the mother of one son, who passed on before her about six years ago, aged eight years, also of a daughter who has grown almost to womanhood. All departments of Christian work open to her felt very sensibly the touch of her faithful, efficient effort. At the time of her death she was president of the Junior League, and though very feeble for many months, she filled the place to the end.

Whatever station she was called to fill, either upon the frontier farm, in the M. E. parsonage, in the home, or the Church "she did what she could," and was always a benediction to those about her. She crossed death's river in triumph and opened her eyes first in Heaven early Monday morning, January 27, 1896. On the Sunday before, evidently speaking to her sister who six weeks earlier had gone to the "sun-bright clime" she said, "Why cannot I come to you now? Sister, I am coming. I will be with you soon."' To her husband, "I am almost home, I can see the river." An hour later, "Do you see that open door? It is wide open." Such is the victory that overcometh death. The expressions of sympathy by the people of Frankfort with Bro. Cole and his daughter, also of regard for the memory of our sister were very emphatic. A brief memoral service attended by a large audience was held at Frankfort in the early morning and her remains were taken to her early home in south-

ern Michigan for interment. The funeral was held in her old home church at Cherry Hill appointment, Denton charge, Wayne county, Michigan. Rev. A. Wood of Denton officiating. He preached a very appropriate sermon from these words, "Her sun went down while it was yet day," Jeremiah, 15th chapter and 9th verse. She was interred in the Cherry Hill Cemetery by the side of her departed son to await the resurrection morning.

E. L. KELLOGG.

ELIZABETH DEMOTT ELDRED.

Elizabeth DeMott, wife of Rev. A. J. Eldred, departed this life Tuesday afternoon, May 5, 1896, in the sixty-sixth year of her age. She was born in Rochester, N. Y., in 1830, and was married to Rev. A. J. Eldred over forty-eight years ago, and shared with him in all the work and responsibility of the itinerant ministry. Of this union six children were born, two only of whom are living, Frank, of Kalamazoo, and Will, of Traverse City.

From the humble circuit through the trackless forest in the early day, she stood a loyal helpmeet beside her husband until by deserved promotion they reached and ably sustained the best positions in the Methodism of the State.

She was a royal wife and mother, enduring cheerfully the burdens and sacrifices incident to a large family, that her husband might be wholly given to the work of the Lord and the Church. While her gifts and graces were diversified, yet nowhere did she exercise a more commanding influence than in the home over which she presided with such queenly dignity. Her doors were open to all alike, and her hospitality extended to every class; yet how she loved and welcomed the ministers of the Gospel. The very best she had was set before them, and nothing left undone to make their comfort and rest compete. She was a thorough Methodist, and loved and defended the polity of her Church. In labors she was abundant. She had a wonderful faculty of devising and executing plans for church work, and her efforts were in all cases crowned with success. Michigan Methodism today has many marks of her fruitful toil and tireless energies in the building of churches, the payment of debts, and the organization of woman's work in the Church.

It would be impossible in a brief memoir to recount all the virtues and sacrifices of this heroic woman. Like the virtuous woman of Holy Writ, she stretched out her hand to the poor; yea, she reached forth her hands to the needy. She opened her mouth with wisdom, and in her tongue was the law of kindness. Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Death came gradually as the setting sun. The shadows lengthened, the twilight appearing, and to those around the bedside it was night; but to her it was a morning of celestial brightness for her soul was in the realm of everlasting day.

The funeral was held from the home near Traverse City, Thursday, May 7, 1896. The clergymen taking part in the services were Presiding Elder Kellogg, Rev. J. W. Miller, Rev. W. Heath, Rev. M A Kelsey for the city pastors, and the writer. Beautiful floral contributions were

provided by Mrs. Blair of Big Rapids, the ladies of the Congregational Church, the W. F. M. S. and many others. The body was laid to rest in the city cemetery beside a daughter.

W. A. FRYE.

MRS. O. J. GOLDEN.

This "elect lady," Mrs. Ann Jeanette Golden, wife of Rev. O. J. Golden, passed out of this life into her eternal home, in Belding, Michigan, on Thursday, December 26, 1895. Her maiden name was Brink. Her father was killed in the army, and left her mother a widow while the daughter was yet a young girl. She was born in Naples, N. Y., December 1, 1850, and at the time of her death was 45 years and 25 days old.

She was married to O. J. Golden, in Avoca, N. Y., on June 28, 1868. Previous to their marriage, in the winter of 1868, she and her husband were both converted to God, were baptized, and together joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in Avoca, N. Y. In 1872 they came to Michigan, and in 1875 Brother Golden joined the Michigan Conference. She was the mother of three children, Gertie, now the wife of Mr. Dwight Morehead, of Belding; Harry, who died at the age of four years; and Clarence, now a young man about nineteen years of age.

She was a woman of more than ordinary intellectual culture and literary attainments. She spent some time in teaching in the public schools, and in giving lessons in drawing and painting, and was herself an artist of much strength. Her frugal and diligent hands adjusted in a most tasty and attractive way the affairs of the household, and her cunning fingers traced most of the pictures that now ornament the walls of the home. She was noted for genuine hospitality. No worthy person ever entered her home without receiving the most cordial greeting from her. She always had a very hearty welcome for the itinerant minister, whatever his rank or station.

But while she was thus faithful in the home, her warm, loving heart felt a throb for the work of the Master, and her quick discerning sense saw much in the great world without to do, and a sphere of labor in the Church which she felt called upon to fill. She entered the field, though by no means forsaking the home, and the doors seemed to swing open to her everywhere. She seemed to find adaptability to nearly every department of church life and work. Was at home in the choir, in the social life of the Church, in the public assemblies, in the prayer and class meeting, in the Sunday School, Epworth League and Missionary Conventions, generally occupying high offices in them and taking a conspicuous part in the exercises, always by the earnest solicitation of the management and never by any self-insinuations.

At the time of her death she occupied the responsible position of District Corresponding Secretary of the Womans Foreign Missionary Society of Ionia District. She was a teacher in the Sunday School, president of the Ladies' Aid Society, a prominent member of the Womans' Literay Club, an earnest worker in the W. C T. U., and also of the fraternal organization, Daughters of Rebecca.

Her last sickness was one of much severity, and much suspense between hope and fear; and when at last it ended in death, it was a terrible shock to her whole family, who had watched diligently by her side from the beginning.

What her last words would have been could she have spoken them, no mortal can tell. Nor was it necessary for her to speak. Well did her husband say to the writer just the day before we laid her away to her final rest: "It was not necessary to have her last words; her whole life had been a comment on what the end would be, and there is not the shadow of a doubt that it was one of peace and tranquility." Indeed, there seemed betimes to be a lucid moment or two, and then the few broken words uttered by her dying lips seemed to indicate that she had already "sighted the golden gates," and was looking into the faces of loved ones on the other side, waiting to greet her.

At her funeral in Belding, on Sunday, December 29, 1895, the writer preached the sermon from 1 Cor., 13:12. A large concourse of people assembled. The other orthodox churches held memorial services for her at the same hour, and their houses of worship were also well filled. Quite a number of friends from Palo and other charges were in attendance. The floral decorations were elaborate and beautiful. Many loving hearts and willing hands were ready to pay a tribute of respect to one so generally beloved.

J. I. Buell.

MRS. MARY E. HEWETT.

Mary E. Moon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Salma Moon, was born in Bethel, New York, January 28, 1828, and died at her home in North Milton, Antrim county, Michigan, June 25, 1896.

When four years of age, she moved with her parents to this state and settled on a farm in Van Buren, Wayne county. In this quiet rural home surrounded by the beauties and permeated with the spirit of nature, her girlhood was passed, at the age of sixteen came the crisis of her life, the great struggle between nature and grace, but grace conquered and she was not only transformed, but initiated into the mysteries of the kingdom of God.

The fragrance of the new life soon filled the home and permeated the Church and Sunday School; and though so young in years, she became a benediction to the entire community in which she lived.

At the age of twenty-one she was united in marriage to the Rev. S. P Hewett. Then commenced not only the toils and sacrifices, but the privileges and opportunities, the joys and successes of the itinerency and which continued for a period of nearly twenty-five years.

During most of this time, Sister Hewett was not only in poor health but a great sufferer. Yet she toiled on in the cause she loved so well. In her care and attendance on the sick and dying none excelled her. Ever present in Church and Sunday School, always cheerful and hopeful. Loving and sympathetic by nature as well as grace, she could not help but be a blessing in every community in which she lived. Though eminently self-sacrificing, there was one luxury in which she always indulged, that of doing good.

Her patience, self-forgetfulness and cheerful resignation to the divine will during her long illness must ever prove an inspiration to all with whom she came in contact.

The funeral was attended by the writer and the remains interred in the beautiful cemetery at Elk Rapids. The large attendance, the profusion and beauty of the floral offerings and the tears of sympathy from many eyes attested to the high esteem and affection in which our departed Sister and the bereaved family were held. She being dead yet speaketh.

J. W. MILLER.

MRS. G. E. HOLLISTER.

Nettie Stedman, only daughter of Rev. William and Jane Stedman, was born in Bennington, Wyoming county, State of New York, January 17, 1836, and at the period of her death had attained the age of 59 years. She made a public profession of religion under the ministry of Rev. Isaac Collins, when but 13 years of age and immediately connected herself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she continued a faithful member up to the close of life. She was married to Rev. George E. Hollister of the Michigan Conference in the year 1862, and filled faithfully, and with great efficiency, for 31 years the place of an itinerant minister's wife. Being possessed of a gentle and loving nature, she, without effort, drew to herself and wrote indelibly her name on many hearts in every field where they labored together.

In revival meetings she was especially helpful to her husband.

Was a member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society almost from the first; and a life member since 1881. She took an active interest in all the benevolences of the Church, and worked with a skillful hand on the various lines of Christian effort.

In person and attire unpretentious and modest and in her household affairs she was a model to be emulated.

During her illness, which was of several months continuance, she suffered extremely at times by reason of nervous conditions, yet strove to acquiese in the will of God, and to hold herself in readiness for his bidding.

She drew great comfort from seasons of prayer frequently held in her sick room, in which she joined in spirit, with a relish only belonging to the Christian state.

Her home life was most beautiful in its simplicity and well worthy of careful imitation.

On the morning of July 27, 1896, she suddenly passed away, and on the 29th inst. following appropriate funeral services were held in the M. E. Church, and by tender and loving hands her remains were sorrowfully borne to the beautiful Oakwood cemetery of Howell, Michigan.

"So He giveth His beloved, sleep."

Among her other well defined accomplishments, our departed Sister in a good degree possessed the gift of poetry, and some of her chief productions have been greatly admired by her friends.

We have reason to believe she sings today the new song in her Heavenly home.

F. W. WARNE.

MRS. J. E. KIRBY.

Essie Dennis Kirby, only daughter of Charles J. and M. Dennis of Elsie, Michigan, was born in Pike, New York, August 27, 1871, and died at Jerome, Hillsdale county, Thursday, March 26. Brief services were held by Rev. W H. Parsons of North Adams, Friday, March 27, and the body, accompanied by father, mother and husband was then taken to Elsie, Michigan, where regular funeral services were held in the Methodist Church, Sabbath morning March 29, conducted by Rev. A. H. Whittaker, assisted by the Revs. Henry, of Eureka, and Griffin, of New York.

Sister Dennis Kirby was converted at the age of ten and for nearly fifteen years she sustained her Christian relations with God and the Church by faith and duty, with a desire for greater usefulness of life and expansion of mind and talents.

Sister Dennis Kirby planned for special work in Hillsdale Baptist College and success crowned the endeavor

She was married September 24, 1895, to Rev. J. Edward Kirby, a student in Hillsdale College. Brother and Sister Kirby took hold of the work on Wheatland charge early in the Conference year and were everywhere well and kindly received by the people. Sister Kirby soon proved herself a helpmate indeed. With faith in God and love for the Church and souls, she planned and labored both at home and among the people, in Sunday School, Church, prayer meeting, League work and revival effort. Her zeal by times seemed to know no bounds, her toil in these respects doubtless led to overtaxing and to great exertion, finally undermining her elastic constitution, and her health broke down.

For some weeks before her death Sister Kirby had been hard at work helping her husband in revival meetings at one of their out appointments.

He who knows all things from the beginning knew that her end was near and the sands of time were nearly run.

W. H. PARSONS.

MRS. LOIS McKNIGHT.

Mrs. Lois Richards McKnight died at the home of her son in St. Johns, Michigan, August 19, 1896. She was the widow of Rev. Wm. McKnight of the Michigan Conference, who died March 28, 1872. She was born in Cortland county, New York, August 6, 1816.

At the age of fourteen she was converted and united with the M. E. Church, of which she remained a faithful member until her death. She early cultivated those graces which made her life beautiful, and especially fitted her for the work of a pastor's wife.

She was married to Wm. McKnight in Palmyra, Ohio, September 4, 1843. Her devotion inspired anew the conviction in his soul that he should go forth and preach the Gospel, and in answering this call of the Master she was ever his loyal supporter. Six years after their marriage they moved to Michigan and settled in Ovid, Clinton county, and soon after began the itinerancy on the Rochester charge in the Grand River District, under George Bradley, Presiding Elder. In 1856 he was received into full membership in the Michigan Conference. For eighteen years they labored together filling very acceptably the following appointments: Rochester Circuit, Tallmadge Circuit, Flat River Circuit, DuPlain Circuit, Lyons Circuit, Boston, Flat River, Kelloggsville, Laphamville, Sparta, Woodland, Ovid, Bengal and Bangor.

In all this work with its accompanying trials and burdens, Sister McKnight never faltered, and her clear experience and strong faith were ever a great inspiration to her companion. In every line of Church work she was active, and freely gave to the Church her earnest prayers and fervent testimonies, as well as every work of love. Sure such a life is not in vain.

To her was given one son, L. G. McKnight, one of the strong laymen in the St. Johns Church. Since she became a widow she has lived with him, and to her he has brought every comfort that their pleasant home could furnish. And in her declining years she has retained her great interest in the Church, and her holy life ripened with golden fruitage for the kingdom. Very slowly and peacefully did the evening of life approach while the fading of the powers of mind and body bespoke that happy transition through which the spirit radiant with life and hope would pass.

The funeral services were conducted from the residence of her son, by the pastor, Rev. D. D. Martin, and her body laid at rest by the side of her husband in DuPlain, where both wait a glorious resurrection.

D. D. Martin.

MRS. MARY DEAL MILLER.

Mary Deal Miller was born in Oshtemo, Michigan, October 28, 1875, and died in Vandalia, Michigan, December 4, 1895.

The brevity of her beautiful life reminds us of the inspired question and answer, "For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanisheth away."

But life consists not of length of days. Life here may be said to be complete, no matter how early death comes, if all its days have been devoted to the Lord. No life is too long which is filled with the presence and power of Christ, and no life is too short which ends here, only to go and be with Him forever. So it may be said of Sister Miller, dying at the age of twenty years, yet hers was a complete life. She finished the work He had given her to do. She was blessed with the hallowed influence of a Christian home.

The example and teachings of a sainted mother remained with her as a precious memory and benediction.

At the age of twelve years, under the ministry of the Rev. Wright Barrett, she professed conversion and united with the M. E. Church.

Her Christian experience was clear, her hope was as an anchor, and her peace was abiding. She possessed a cheerful, happy and willing spirit, and was always ready to aid in every good word and work. Indeed, it was her meat and drink to do the will of God.

On November 30, 1893, she was by the writer united in marriage to the Rev. Hale H. Miller, then pastor at Mattawan.

Her excellent qualities of head and heart eminently fitted her for the duties of a pastor's wife. And when she came into this new relation, she entered upon her work with a zeal and devotion that gave promise of large success. She took a deep interest in all departments of Church work. Her services were especially efficient and helpful in the Epworth League, where her cheerful, happy presence was always an encouragement and delight to the young people. During the brief time she was a pastor's wife she was greatly beloved by all the people the on Mattawan and Vandalia charges where her husband served.

Her health had not been firm for about a year, but her final illness and confinement to her home continued through six weeks. During this time she evinced great patience and Christian fortitude. On one occasion, after a day of intense suffering she said to her husband, "My dear, it is not much for a Christian to be sick." And when the end drew near her husband said to her "I fear we cannot keep you with us. You are going to leave us. In a little time you will be in the heavenly home. She replied, "If it were the Lord's will I should like to stay with you and help you in His work, but if he wants me now it is all right, all is well."

Thus a young, happy and beautiful life passed over to be forever with the Lord.

On Friday, December 6, the body was taken to Kalamazoo, and the funeral services were held in the First M. E. Church, conducted by the writer, assisted by Revs. Levi Master, J. H. Emmons and A. S. Williams. The remains were laid to rest in the Mountain Home cemetery to await the resurrection morning.

J. W. H. Carlisle.

MRS. O. S. PADDOCK.

Elizabeth Haynor was born in Orwell, N. Y., August 12, 1852, and died in Litchfield, Michigan, February 27, 1896.

She was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of nineteen. She was married to our late Brother, O. S. Paddock, November 9, 1872. Seven children were born to them, four of whom died early. Three daughters now remain doubly orphaned whom we commend to God who is "the father of mercies and the God of all comfort."

For twenty years Sister Paddock labored with her husband in ministerial work, four years in evangelistic work, and sixteen years on nine Michigan Conference circuits. She loved the work of God, was an efficient co-laborer with her husband. She loved the itinerancy, notwithstanding its hardships, and one of the sad things of her widowhood was to cease itinerating. She was present at the last session of our Annual Con-

ference and returned with a sad heart that no longer could she be included in the Conference appointments. Sister Paddock was an affectionate mother and a devoted follower of Jesus.

She was loyal to the Pastor and the Church, liberal in its support, and gifted in prayer and exortation.

Her last sickness was of eight weeks duration, and although her sufferings were intense beyond thought, yet she endured all with remarkable fortitude and unshaken trust in God. Everything was done that skill, love, and patient watching could do for her comfort for which she frequently expressed her heart's gratitude. Her desire, however, was to depart and be with Christ, and greet husband and children on the heavenly shore. Farewell Sister, we will meet thee again in eternal life.

Her funeral services were held in the Litchfield M. E. church, March 1, conducted by her Pastor, and her remains laid by the side of her companion in Mount Hope Cemetery, in "sure and certain hope of a resurrection to eternal life."

EDWIN TENCH.

STATISTICS NO. 3.—ALBION DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Claims. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Total.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Total.	Pastor's Support. Deficiencies.	Support of Presiding Elders. Amount Apportioned.	Support of Presiding Elders. Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Apportioned.	Support of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Conference Claimants. Received from Collections.	Conference Claimants. Received from Endowm'ts.	Conference Claimants. Received from Other Sources.	Conference Claimants. Total.	Current Expenses. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Current Expenses. Sunday School: Less'n Leaves, Books, etc.
Albion	A. E. Craig	$2,000	------	$2,000	$2,000	------	$2,000	------	$178	$178	$30	$30	$230	----	----	$230	$1,406	$379
Battle Creek—First Church	Wm. Denman	1,500	$250	1,750	1,500	$250	1,750	------	160	160	------	15	105	----	----	105	800	100
" " Maple St.	J. J. Hartley	1,200	------	1,200	1,200	------	1,200	------	30	30	------	1	15	----	----	15	325	85
" " Upton Ave.	Ralph Newman	600	100	700	600	100	700	------	15	15	5	5	25	----	----	25	120	70
Bellevue	G. W. Tuthill	900	100	1,000	900	100	1,000	------	68	68	------	8	20	----	----	20	160	110
Concord	E. F. Newell	550	100	650	500	100	600	$50	44	44	------	4	18	----	----	18	100	20
Eden	John W. Foy	300	------	300	270	------	270	30	------	16	------	------	2	----	----	2	5	45
Hanover and Moscow	O. H. Perry	700	100	800	700	100	800	------	60	60	11	5	24	----	----	24	100	60
Homer	A. F. Hart	800	100	900	800	100	900	------	70	70	16	7	37	----	----	37	------	52
Jackson—Cooper St	J. L. Ruoff	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	35	35	------	------	20	----	----	20	96	30
" First Church	P. J. Maveety	1,800	------	1,800	1,800	------	1,800	------	160	160	38	20	190	----	----	190	1,735	247
" Diamond Mission	Geo. Diamond	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	3	----	----	3	------	40
" Greenwood Ave.	L. E. Lovejoy	600	------	600	600	------	600	------	10	10	------	------	5	----	----	5	43	52
" Haven Church	J. F. Orwick	1,000	200	1,200	1,000	200	1,200	------	50	50	8	5	25	----	----	25	225	221
" Ida Stiles Memorial	E. C. Tuller	380	120	500	384	120	504	------	15	15	7	3	10	----	----	10	173	170
Leslie	C. A. Varnum	641	84	725	606	84	690	35	50	48	14	2	24	----	----	24	125	75
Liberty	Uri Mason	500	35	535	410	35	445	90	48	40	4	1	10	----	----	10	81	45
Litchfield	Edwin Tench	600	100	700	600	100	700	------	44	44	9	5	25	----	----	25	130	32
Marengo	James Webster	600	50	650	550	50	600	50	46	46	8	8	27	----	----	27	65	42
Marshall	Isaiah Wilson	700	200	900	700	200	900	------	54	54	------	3	20	----	----	20	175	75
Mosherville	J. D McDonald	550	50	600	550	50	600	------	44	42	7	1	12	----	----	12	71	75
Parma	D. D. King	700	100	800	600	100	700	100	60	60	11	7	30	----	----	30	117	97
Partello	H. R. E. Quant	500	50	550	400	50	450	100	30	30	3	3	13	----	----	13	78	30
Penfield	G. R. Fairbanks	600	50	650	600	50	650	------	40	40	9	2	20	----	----	20	100	100
Sonoma	W. I. Elmer	600	60	660	600	60	660	------	36	36	6	1	21	----	----	21	50	------
Springport	G. L. Mount	600	100	700	575	100	675	25	36	32	7	5	25	----	----	25	50	65
Tekonsha	J. W. Shehan	700	100	800	675	100	775	25	48	43	7	1	20	----	----	20	100	75
Tompkins	Albert Smith	500	100	600	500	100	600	------	38	38	7	2	20	----	----	20	50	22
Totals		$20,121	$2,149	$22,270	$19,620	$2,149	$21,769	$505	$1,469	$1,464	$207	$144	$996	----	----	$996	$6,480	$2,414

STATISTICS NOS. 1 AND 4—ALBION DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of Charge.	Church Memb'rship			Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						Benevolent Collections.															
															Missions.							Education.								
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Children's Fund.	Other Educational Objects.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants.	Gen'l Conference Expe'ses.	Other Collections.
Albion	120	1098	12	12	6	119	3	78	600	1	$40,000	--	------	$305	------	$1,240	$705	$75	$780	$50	$10	$10	$36	$21	$533	$10	$239	$289	$30	$230	--	$50
Battle Cr'k—First Ch'ch	13	559	1	6	5	4	1	50	405	1	25,000	1	$2,500	240	------	500	210	103	313	14	10	3	10	5	51	4	353	40	15	105	--	------
Maple St.	20	165	1	4	12	4	1	45	270	1	10,000	--	------	------	------	500	30	20	50	3	1	1	2	3	----	1	57	----	1	15	--	------
Upton Ave.	13	150	2	1	5	21	1	20	226	1	2,500	--	------	56	------	------	87	13	100	8	2	2	6	8	36	2	------	----	5	25	--	------
Bellevue	37	272	2	5	---	11	3	45	334	2	5,000	1	1,200	------	------	------	79	14	93	2	2	1	2	6	10	2	47	----	8	20	$4	80
Concord	11	121	--	8	---	9	2	15	100	3	6,000	1	1,200	25	------	100	30	2	32	2	1	1	2	1	7	1	------	----	4	18	--	2
Eden	2	61	--	1	---	---	2	17	80	--	------	--	------	------	------	------	3	2	5	----	--	----	----	1	2	----	------	----	----	2	--	------
Hanover and Moscow	4	160	--	--	---	---	2	29	180	2	5,000	1	800	300	------	------	80	5	85	12	2	2	7	4	9	2	52	6	5	24	--	------
Homer	16	160	1	1	1	6	1	28	205	1	12,000	1	1,200	135	------	------	50	75	125	10	2	1	10	3	7	1	23	83	7	37	--	------
Jackson—Cooper St.	20	112	--	1	5	---	1	22	150	1	3,000	--	------	------	$395	345	10	25	35	6	1	1	8	1	9	1	------	----	----	20	--	------
First Church	18	629	1	9	14	26	1	34	435	1	50,000	--	------	------	150	175	300	150	450	10	2	2	10	16	138	5	165	72	20	190	--	1,709
*Diamond Mission	10	47	1	3	3	7	1	13	47	1	1,450	--	------	550	------	------	8	2	10	1	---	1	1	----	----	----	------	----	----	3	--	------
Greenwood Ave.	9	53	--	--	6	15	1	16	160	1	2,500	--	------	1,500	------	1,000	15	----	15	3	1	1	2	2	5	1	------	----	----	5	--	------
Haven Church	17	280	4	4	15	20	1	37	350	1	5,000	--	------	------	------	------	50	25	75	10	2	2	10	5	40	2	119	----	5	25	--	------
Ida Stiles Memorial	18	116	2	--	5	4	3	40	305	1	5,000	--	------	------	1,715	575	8	4	12	3	3	1	2	3	4	1	13	----	3	10	2	------
Leslie	39	238	1	3	---	4	3	37	228	1	3,500	--	------	850	------	250	32	19	51	5	1	1	5	6	13	1	81	----	2	24	--	13
Liberty	2	89	--	2	---	---	4	47	205	2	3,200	1	300	59	------	------	12	8	20	1	1	---	1	2	----	--	17	----	1	10	--	------
Litchfield	8	150	1	4	---	3	2	25	160	2	4,000	1	1,000	100	350	------	46	4	50	4	1	1	3	2	3	2	20	----	5	25	--	10
Marengo	9	115	--	4	5	2	3	36	190	1	2,200	1	800	40	------	------	30	7	37	3	1	1	3	3	6	--	47	----	8	27	--	------
Marshall	7	201	1	5	4	9	1	22	200	1	10,000	1	1,800	20	320	25	46	5	51	2	1	1	2	2	5	1	41	----	3	20	--	------
Mosherville	6	140	1	3	---	---	3	26	170	2	3,500	1	600	44	105	200	32	----	32	2	1	1	2	3	----	1	6	----	1	12	--	------
Parma	9	200	1	2	---	25	2	46	217	2	8,500	1	1,200	40	41	45	96	29	125	12	2	2	10	4	12	2	------	----	7	30	--	------
Partello	12	123	2	2	---	3	3	21	120	3	3,600	--	------	60	42	280	20	----	20	7	1	1	4	4	10	1	------	----	3	13	3	3
Penfield	30	175	--	2	---	21	6	85	175	1	1,200	1	650	650	------	400	15	20	35	2	1	1	2	3	10	1	23	----	2	20	--	50
Sonoma	3	166	--	3	---	41	2	24	130	2	4,000	1	600	------	------	------	60	5	65	2	1	1	7	5	9	1	12	----	1	21	--	------
Springport	9	123	--	1	1	14	2	20	125	1	2,000	1	800	50	------	40	37	10	47	12	2	2	8	2	8	2	------	----	5	25	--	------
Tekonsha	3	140	--	3	---	12	2	30	100	2	5,000	1	1,000	200	------	------	40	10	50	4	1	1	3	7	10	1	30	----	1	20	--	------
Tompkins	5	94	--	2	---	---	2	22	120	2	2,600	1	850	850	------	------	22	11	33	1	1	1	4	6	12	6	64	----	2	20	--	------
Totals	470	5937	34	91	87	380	59	930	5987	40	$225,750	16	$16,500	$6,074	$3,118	$5,675	$2,171	$643	$2,814	$191	$5	$42	$151	$138	$949	$52	$1,409	$490	$144	$996	$9	$2,917

* Last year's report.

STATISTICS NO. 3.—BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Claims. House Rent.	Claims. Total.	Receipts. Salary.	Receipts. House Rent.	Receipts. Total.	Deficiencies.	Support of Presiding Elders. Amount Appor.	Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Appor.	Amount Paid.	Con. Claimants. Rec'd from Collections.	Endowments.	Other Sources.	Total.	Current Expenses. Church.	Sunday School.
Averill	W. H. Choate	$365	$60	$425	$295	$60	$355	$70	$30	$23	$3	$1	$5			$5	$25	$40
Ashton	W. P. Manning	325	36	361	270	36	306	55	24	23					$1	1	15	24
Big Rapids	O. R. Lovejoy	1,200	180	1,380	1,200	180	1,380		90	90	17	17	60			60	175	86
Big Rapids Circuit	L. H. Manning	300		300	300		300		20	20	2	2	10			10	40	70
Butman	Anton N. Henne	310		310	225		225	85	30	30	2		4			4	83	32
Brinton	L. H. Mershon	275		275	210		210	65	20	20							40	40
Cadillac	G. D. Chase	1,200	150	1,350	1,200	150	1,350		90	90	12	10	54			54	288	125
Calkinsville	E W. Wood	400	50	450	352	50	402	48	40	40	5	3	13			13	35	47
Chase and Zion	F. A. Blake	255	36	291	201	36	237	54	30	22	2	1	1			1	60	26
Chippewa Lake	E. Hubbell	400	40	440	265	40	305	135	36	32	2		8		14	22	40	38
Clare	A. H. Coors	600	75	675	500	75	575	100	45	45	4	3	10			10	100	72
Coleman	W. E. Ogden	450	100	550	395	100	495	55	36	33	5	2	4			4	75	35
Crystal Valley	J. S. DeLong	395	25	420	293	25	318	102	32	32								24
Evart	J. C. Newcomer	660	75	735	585	75	660	75	56	56	6	2	13			13	100	39
Farwell	Thos. H. Leaman	425	75	500	410	75	485	15	40	40	4	2	20			20	150	50
Free Soil	A. A. Darling	400	50	450	320	50	370	80	34	34			4			4	40	30
Gladwin	C. W. Smith	350	72	422	350	72	422		44	44	3	2	7			7	55	40
Greenville	W. L. Davison	1,000	200	1,200	1,025	200	1,225		90	90	18	9	62			62	500	75
Harrison	W. D. Rowland	400	75	475	250	75	325	150	32	32	3	1	8			8	60	25
Hersey	F. M. Cosner	550		550	450		450	100	38	27	3	1	2			2	40	50
Lake City	A. D. Newton	700	100	800	700	100	800		50	50	5	5	31			31	50	60
Leaton	U. E. Partridge	225	40	265	170	40	210	55	28	20	2		4			4	10	15
Leroy	W. A. Exner	500	50	550	375	50	425	125	40	29	3	1	10			10	40	32
Lucas	H. G. Kennedy	400	60	460	280	60	340	120	24	24			5			5	40	50
Ludington	W. L. Laufman	1,100	200	1,300	1,100	200	1,300		80	80	10	5	40			40	400	100
Fourth Ward and Buttarsville	A. H. Sturgis	575	75	650	575	75	650		40	40	3	3	9			9	60	71
Luther	N. P. Brown	500	60	560	445	60	505	55	40	38	4	2	19			19	72	63
Manistee	W. M. Puffer	1,400	200	1,600	1,400	200	1,600		95	95	14	14	50			50	515	252
Marion	G. W. Weeks	425		425	262		262	163	28	25	2		5			5	25	30
Middle Branch	M. S. Walker	210	24	234	160	24	184	50	20	20	1						8	
Morley	N. D. Marsh	525	75	600	400	75	475	125	44	38	4	2	20			20	84	54
Mt. Pleasant	R. A. Wright	900	200	1,100	900	200	1,100		70	70	10	8	40			40	250	100
Paris	A. A. Geiger	450	50	500	400	50	450	50	40	40	3	1	12			12	85	60
Reed City	A. F. Nagler	800	100	900	800	100	900		95	95	10	8	48			48	125	125
Scottsville, Victory and Ind. Miss.	G. R. Millard	540		540	475		475	65	44	38	3	1	5			5	100	50
Sears	G. W. Maxwell	500	50	550	450	50	500	50	36	36	4	4	12			12	36	20
Shepard	D. E. Reed	550	100	650	550	100	650		55	55	8	8	20			20	100	75
Stanwood	J. C. Jewell	425	50	475	400	50	450	25	36	36	5	3	15			15	25	92
Stitson	Chas. A. Brown	288	12	300	266	12	278	22	28	28	1	1	5			5		
Stittsville	Geo. B. Day	350	50	400	350	50	400		24	24			8			8	48	35
Summit	C. H. Palmatier	515	50	565	460	50	510	55	45	43	6	6	30			30	100	61
Union	S. Snyder	550		550	400		400	150	24	24	3	3	12			12	40	60
White Cloud	W. Robt. Campbell	400	36	436	138	24	162	274	20	13								
Woodville	S. C. Tiney	400	48	448	175	48	223	225	20	14	3						25	47
Totals		$23,488	$2,929	$26,417	$20,827	$2,917	$23,644	$2,798	$1,883	$1,798	$195	$131	$685		$15	$700	$4,159	$2,420

STATISTICS NOS. 1 AND 4.—BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of Charge.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.							Benevolent Collections.															
																	Missions.							Education.								
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Prop'ty.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educa'n Society.	Children's Fund.	Other Educa't'l Objects.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss'y Society.	Woman's Home Miss'y Society.	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants.	General Conference Expenses.	Other Collections.
Averill	23	65		2			3	33	135	4	$2,600	1	$350	$200			$13		$13	$2	$1	$1	$2		$6	$1			$1	$5		
Ashton	11	72		1		6	3	26	124	1	1,500	1	600			$125	1		1											1		
Big Rapids	55	335		3	5	35	1	38	236	1	4,000	1	1,800	300	$800	80	82	$68	150	27	4	4	21	$7	55	4	$77	$87	17	60		$79
Big Rapids Circuit	71	62		1	15	13	2	22	160	1	1,000			95			9	18	27	4	1	1	3	1	6	1			2	10	$3	3
Butman	53	50				3	3	27	130	2	4,000	1	300			150	6		6						3					4		
Brinton	12	24	1		4	6	3	18	60	1	600			400		200								1	3							25
Cadillac	17	246			5	14	1	24	286	1	10,000	1	1,500		701	800	90	25	115	20	3	3	10	3	20	3	55		10	54		
Calkinsville	36	154	4	1	18	31	4	44	186	5	3,000	1	400	220	49	236	18		18	4	1	1	2	2	6	1			3	13		3
Chase and Zion	8	78	1	2		1	3	27	142	3	2,700	1	400	5	18	224	3	3	6					3	1				1	1	1	
Chippewa Lake	5	74	1	1	6	1	3	26	136	3	2,500	1	400	40	25		5	5	10	2	1		1	2	3					22		
Clare	2	74		2	3	1	2	28	165	2	2,500	1	700	436		268	15	5	20	3			2	5	7				3	10		10
Coleman	15	134	3	2	8	15	2	20	100	2	3,000	1	800	500		225	4		4	1			1		1	1			2	4		
Crystal Valley	17	74		1		1	3	20	184	2	2,500	1	400	40		150	7		7						3							
Evart	28	141		1	2	5	1	16	148	1	2,500	1	500	100	160		25	2	27	5	1	1	3	5	10	1	45		2	13	5	2
Farwell	10	118	1	6		3	2	25	160	2	2,600	1	600	25			24	16	40	2				2	4				2	20	2	
Free Soil	5	102	3	3	11	3	2	23	110	2	1,500	1	350	25			8		8	1				2	2					4		
Gladwin	11	47	1	1			1	14	84	1	2,000	1	600	51		329	10		10				2	2	3				2	7		1
Greenville	56	414		5	25	35	1	30	270	1	25,000	1	3,000				108	14	122	21	4	4	14	3	20	3		34	9	62		9
Harrison	1	40		2	3	12	1	15	75	1	2,000	1	600			100	10		10	2		1	1	1	2	1			1	8		
Hersey	8	80	2	3		2	3	34	120	1	1,000						2		2					3	4				2	2		
Lake City	13	100	1	1	1	7	2	23	145	2	300	1	1,000				67		67	12	3	3	12	3	10	4			5	31		
Leaton	23	96	3	1	1		1	10	65	2	2,000	1	250	10			6		6						3					4		
Leroy	19	147	2	5	4	14	3	36	155	1	1,300	1	400	65				17	17	1	1	2	1	1	5	1			1	10		
Lucas	10	53		1	1	8	2	25	150	2	1,500	1	500	130	120	800	25	1	26					1	3					5	1	
Ludington	39	240		6	20	15	1	20	200	1	18,000	1	2,000		6,000	5,500	58	27	85	8	2	2	8	5	40	4	70		5	40		1
4th Wd. & Buttarsville	17	90			8	6	2	24	165	2	2,500	1	800	210	13		18	5	23	2	1	1	1	1	10	1			2	9	3	
Luther	17	108	1	3	4	22	2	29	172	1	1,500	1	500	20	25		23	10	33	7	1		5	3	5	1	44		2	19		4
Manistee	34	277	1	2	17	7	1	39	405	1	10,000	1	1,800			300	55	45	100	11	4	4	10	5	40	5	55	50	14	50		2
Marion		40	1				2	12	90	1	1,000	1	200	210		210	5		5											5		
Middle Branch	10	63		1		2	2	14	50			1	275	25																		
Morley	59	88		1	4	11	3	37	298	2	2,500	1	600		17	326	18	9	27	2	2	1	4	2	5	1	10		2	20		3
Mt. Pleasant	10	202		5	5	17	2	40	300	2	15,500	1	3,400	100	250	200	20	30	50	6	1	1	5	3	9	1	35		8	40		1
Paris	25	138	1	1	4	3	3	32	230	3	3,500	2	400	500	50	200	15	10	25	2	1		1	1	4				1	12		
Reed City	36	200	3	4	9	27	1	24	300	1	4,500	1	900	75			73	40	113	15	3	3	12	2	29	1	38		8	48		1
Scottsville, Vic. & I. M.	50	110		3	2	20	2	20	175	2	3,700			250	100	400	12	3	15	3				4	2				1	5	1	
Sears	25	88		2	1		2	24	100	1	2,000	1	325	75			8	3	11	2		1	2	1	4				4	12		
Shepard	70	250	1		1	54	4	50	450	3	5,400	1	1,300	1,025	130	990	30	1	31	20	3	3	10	2	25	2	6	2	8	20		300
Stanwood	35	103		2	2	19	6	56	300	2	2,000	1	500	10		310	25	4	29	5	2	1	3		6	1			3	15		
Stitson	21	112	1	2	5	4	2	16	130	2	950			950			15		15	1	1	1	1	5					1	5	1	1
Stittsville	9	65	1	2	1	9	4	16	125	2	1,200	1	400	65	50	175	15	5	20	2					4					8	1	
Summit	20	137	2	1	9	24	4	45	217	2	3,300	1	600	108	40	150	72	16	88	12	3	3	8	14	12	2	98		6	30		36
Union	38	134		1	1	57	3	33	225	3	1,900			250			20	5	25	5	1		5		3				3	12		
White Cloud	2	39				1	3	22	86	1	1,200	1	200	31	6																	
Woodville	7	21		1	13		3	22	70	1	2,000	1	500	48		275																
Totals	1035	5294	35	82	218	514	104	1178	7614	77	$164250	39	$30150	$6594	$8554	$12723	$1020	$387	$1407	$210	$45	$42	$150	$95	$378	$40	$533	$173	$131	$700	$18	$481

STATISTICS NO. 3.—COLDWATER DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support.							Support of Presiding Elders.		Support of Bishops.		Conference Claimants.				Current expenses.	
		Claims.			Receipts.			Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Received from			Total.	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	School: Sunday Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.						Collections.	Endowments.	Other Sources.			
Allen	C. H. Anderson	$450	$50	$500	$416	$50	$466	$34	$40	$40	$8	$2	$16			$16	$65	$25
Athens	E. W. Laing	565	85	650	471	85	556	94	48	48		5	15			15		43
Bronson																		
Burlington	W. J. Wilcox	300		300	300		300		16	16	3	2	13			13	60	40
Burr Oak	N. S. Tuttle	700		700	485		485	215	28	28	6		3			3	43	24
Butler	J. W. White	475	75	550	455	75	530	20	48	48		1	8			8	125	34
Cambria	J. W. Hart	650	100	750	490	100	590	160	40	40	7	4	22			22	60	101
Camden	G. W. Howe	500	100	600	402	100	502	98	40	40	10	3	9			9	100	30
Centerville	D. Cronk	824	75	900	825	75	900		72	72		2	30			30	190	78
Coldwater	A. M. Gould	1,250	150	1,400	1,100	150	1,250	150	180	180	34	20	142			142	750	132
Colon	H. W. Thompson	650	100	750	650	100	750		48	48	8	2	30			30	75	89
Constantine	J. B. Pinckard	800	100	900	800	100	900		70	70		5	27			27	225	85
Gilead	John Zedler	400	75	475	280	75	355	120	30	30	5	5	15			15	25	44
Girard	Adam Clark	700	100	800	600	100	700	100	62	62	9		10			10	80	50
Hillsdale	M. M. Callen	1,200	200	1,400	1,200	200	1,400		94	94	21	5	70			70	400	125
Jonesville	J. White	750	75	824	750	75	825		56	56	11	7	30			30	90	26
Kinderhook	W. W. Alesworth	500	75	575	514	75	598		40	40			5			5	25	
North Adams	W. H. Parsons	700	100	800	700	100	800		74	74	12	8	45			45	100	28
Osseo	J. R. Skinner	425	75	500	425	75	500		23	24	4		8			8	60	34
Quincy	E. A. Armstrong	700	125	825	700	125	825		80	80	15	10	66			61	175	60
Ransom	L. A. Sevits	500	50	550	456	50	506	44	44	44	8	2	15			15	108	54
Reading	W. A. Taylor	725	125	850	725	125	850		60	60	10	7	35			35	175	120
Sherwood	J. C. Upton	600		600	500		500	100	40	40	9	7	15			15	90	38
Stony Point	John Day Bird																	
Sturgis	C. G. Thomas	950	150	1,100	950	150	1,100		80	80	13	8	40			40	250	85
Union City	E. V. Armstrong	800	100	900	728	100	828	72	68	68	11	6	35			35	90	76
Waldron & Pittsford	A. W. Mumford	390	60	450	432	60	492		28	35	40	2	15			15	110	75
White Pigeon	G. A. Brown	670	100	770	670	100	770		56	56	11	5	18			18	125	35
Wheatland	J. E. Kirby	525	75	600	525	75	600		22	28		3	15			15	20	60
Totals		$17,700	$2,320	$20,020	$16,549	$2,320	$18,869	$1,207	$1,488	$1,496	$255	$121	$752			$752	$3,316	$1,591

STATISTICS NOS. 1 AND 4.—COLDWATER DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of Charge.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.							Benevolent Collections.															
																	Missions.							Education.								
	No of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Pr'chers.	No. of Deaths.	No of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	Church.	Sunday School	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and So Educa'n Society.	Children's Fund.	Other Educational Objects.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Women's Home Missionary Society.	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants.	General Conference Expenses.	Other Collections.
Allen	8	142	--	4	2	5	2	23	140	1	$7,000	1	$500	----	----	----	$38	$9	$47	$4	$1	$1	$3	$3	$12	$1	----	----	$2	$16	----	----
Athens	30	121	--	--	4	14	2	28	136	2	4,000	1	950	----	----	----	33	11	44	4	1	1	4	2	----	1	----	----	5	15	----	----
Bronson	20	81	1	3	----	----	2	20	85	2	4,000	1	600	----	----	----	7	3	10	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Burlington	12	95	1	2	1	20	1	15	109	1	2,100	--	----	$19	$16	----	40	5	45	3	1	1	3	1	2	1	$6	----	2	13	----	----
Burr Oak	----	77	1	2	9	----	2	20	75	2	3,600	--	----	600	----	----	7	----	7	----	----	----	----	1	5	1	----	----	----	3	----	$7
Butler	3	132	2	3	----	----	3	41	136	3	4,400	1	600	310	25	$95	32	3	35	2	----	----	2	2	5	----	----	----	1	8	----	----
Cambria	7	135	1	2	----	2	3	37	205	3	6,000	1	1,000	2,600	----	----	39	15	54	3	1	1	3	3	7	1	20	----	4	22	----	----
Camden	54	186	1	2	----	10	2	24	150	2	4,500	1	1,000	200	----	----	25	7	32	1	----	----	----	4	19	----	----	----	3	9	----	----
Centerville	5	202	1	4	1	1	2	27	203	2	4,800	1	800	----	155	250	83	17	100	5	----	----	2	----	11	1	24	----	2	30	----	----
Coldwater	26	570	5	8	2	15	1	45	349	1	12,000	1	2,500	----	----	750	300	63	363	52	10	7	40	11	35	8	72	$69	20	142	$22	40
Colon	5	162	1	3	----	4	4	35	209	2	4,000	1	1,500	60	196	----	50	11	61	3	1	1	2	1	6	----	----	----	2	30	----	----
Constantine	12	210	1	2	2	3	2	38	230	2	11,000	1	600	75	----	60	64	16	80	5	1	1	3	9	----	1	66	----	5	27	----	----
Gilead	6	107	--	1	----	7	3	35	140	3	3,500	1	1,000	15	245	----	20	2	22	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	18	1	5	15	----	----
Girard	5	175	--	1	6	10	3	35	150	1	5,000	1	800	20	----	----	25	----	25	----	----	----	1	----	4	----	----	2	----	10	----	----
Hillsdale	20	369	4	1	4	21	3	54	375	1	13,000	1	2,000	25	218	860	55	50	105	5	1	1	5	5	----	1	58	84	5	70	----	----
Jonesville	30	225	1	4	6	40	2	22	240	2	3,500	1	1,000	473	80	400	39	23	62	10	2	1	10	4	10	1	50	1	7	30	----	----
Kinderhook	38	125	--	2	----	4	3	27	150	1	1,800	1	700	----	----	----	33	----	33	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	5	----	----
North Adams	23	211	1	3	5	9	1	14	137	1	6,000	1	1,100	36	----	400	80	20	100	7	1	1	7	4	5	3	----	----	8	45	----	5
Osseo	18	104	--	1	8	1	1	14	109	1	2,500	1	700	728	----	568	9	11	20	----	----	----	----	----	7	----	----	----	----	8	----	----
Quincy	26	262	2	6	----	2	2	41	200	2	5,000	1	1,500	5	30	100	129	35	164	15	3	3	10	9	23	3	77	47	10	66	----	----
Ransom	22	148	1	1	1	30	2	38	211	3	6,000	1	400	400	----	----	48	2	50	3	1	1	3	2	3	1	70	1	2	15	----	----
Reading	29	221	1	1	----	30	4	50	260	2	8,300	1	1,500	600	700	600	67	3	70	7	1	1	6	6	3	2	----	20	7	35	----	3
Sherwood	15	120	1	1	----	15	2	26	136	1	3,500	--	----	----	----	----	30	----	30	4	----	1	3	3	8	----	----	----	7	15	----	----
Stony Point	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sturgis	2	260	--	2	7	16	1	19	160	1	7,000	1	2,000	75	100	150	83	20	103	5	2	2	5	5	5	2	42	----	8	40	----	----
Union City	8	174	1	4	7	2	1	18	140	1	9,500	1	500	----	----	----	30	30	60	8	2	2	5	4	20	2	37	22	6	35	----	27
Waldron and Pittsford	59	85	1	1	4	35	3	35	186	2	4,000	--	----	75	600	450	30	4	34	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	----	----	2	15	----	----
White Pigeon	34	178	--	4	1	21	2	28	180	2	7,200	1	800	15	----	----	127	12	139	3	1	1	3	5	9	1	63	34	5	18	----	----
Wheatland	6	84	--	2	----	16	3	27	160	2	1,400	1	700	25	6	----	30	15	45	4	1	1	3	2	4	1	----	----	3	15	----	1
Totals	523	4,961	28	70	70	343	61	846	4,961	49	$154,600	24	$24,750	$6,356	$2,371	$4,683	$1,553	$387	$1,940	$155	$33	$30	$125	$91	$207	$34	$603	$281	$121	$752	$22	$83

STATISTICS NO. 3.—GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Claims. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Total.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Total.	Pastor's Support. Deficiencies.	Support of Presiding Elders. Amount Appor.	Support of Presiding Elders. Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Appor.	Support of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Conf. Claimants. Receiv'd from Collections.	Conf. Claimants. Receiv'd from Endowments.	Conf. Claimants. Receiv'd from Other Sources.	Conf. Claimants. Total.	Current Expenses. Church.	Current Expenses. Sunday School.
Ashland	J. Marzolf	$350	------	$350	$220	------	$220	$130	$38	$19	$6	$2	$4	----	----	$4	$40	$20
Benona	J. G Phillips	375	------	375	117	------	117	258	------	5	1	1	9	----	----	9	14	23
Berlin and Lamont	M. J. Brownell	400	$36	436	272	$36	308	128	36	36	4	4	10	----	----	10	53	28
Bowens Mills	*J. E. White	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	10	10	------	----	1	----	----	1	------	10
Byron and Dorr	R. J. Slee	500	100	600	500	100	600	------	60	60	7	4	17	----	----	17	85	60
Caledonia	*A. L. Woodlock	500	75	575	375	75	450	125	40	36	9	1	16	----	----	16	60	55
Cannonsburg	R. Shier	500	100	600	360	100	460	140	27	27	5	1	10	----	----	10	45	40
Casnovia	H. C. Chamberlain	550	75	625	385	75	460	165	40	30	5	2	7	----	----	7	66	79
Coopersville	J. H Bennett	610	100	710	614	100	714	------	45	45	6	5	20	----	----	20	40	42
Cedar Springs	J. W. Buell	525	100	625	475	100	575	50	45	45	5	3	9	----	----	9	100	40
Edgerton and White Creek	C J. Kruse	200	------	200	141	------	141	59	20	------	------	----	------	----	----	------	5	------
Fremont	A. W. Burns	700	75	775	700	75	775	------	40	40	------	2	8	----	----	8	90	60
Grand Haven	J. W. Horner	400	100	500	300	100	400	100	26	24	3	3	6	$2	$2	10	88	39
Grand Rapids—Ames Church	J. S. Valentine	800	------	800	720	------	720	80	30	30	------	2	------	----	----	18	150	56
Dickinson Ave. & Feakins Mem'l	O. E. Wightman	------	------	------	284	------	284	------	20	20	6	3	10	----	----	10	35	40
Division Street	J. C. Floyd	2,000	600	2,600	2,000	600	2,600	------	275	275	30	30	225	213	----	438	1,701	213
East Street	Jas. Hamilton	1,200	------	1,200	1,200	------	1,200	------	80	80	16	16	78	----	----	78	550	54
Epworth Church	B. E. Paddock	296	------	296	258	------	258	38	10	10	------	1	7	----	----	7	90	38
Joy Memorial	G. A. Odlum	850	------	850	850	------	850	------	35	35	7	4	31	----	----	31	85	72
Plainfield Avenue	G. A. Buell	900	------	900	800	------	800	100	45	45	------	----	15	----	----	15	125	90
Second Street	G. B. Kulp	1,400	250	1,650	1,400	250	1,650	------	120	120	------	11	70	----	----	70	900	175
Grandville	J. N. Dayton	520	80	600	400	80	480	120	46	42	5	2	10	----	----	10	75	45
Hart	W. P. Mosher	650	100	750	650	100	750	------	50	50	10	7	20	----	----	20	220	50
Hastings	Thos. Cox	1,000	150	1,150	1,000	150	1,150	------	100	100	12	12	75	----	----	75	264	74
Hastings Circuit	C. W. Jones	375	75	450	375	75	450	------	40	40	------	1	6	----	----	6	60	60
Hesperia	Chas. Hayward	515	50	565	450	50	500	65	36	36	4	4	10	----	----	10	30	15
Holton	J. M. Westover	176	24	200	176	24	200	------	18	18	2	2	4	----	----	4	70	18
Holland	C. A. Jacokes	850	150	1,000	650	150	800	200	40	40	7	7	25	----	----	25	88	78
Irving	R. D. Freeman	500	75	575	500	75	575	------	32	32	5	5	26	----	----	26	100	80
Middleville	F. N. Janes	500	100	600	475	100	575	25	46	38	6	4	15	----	----	15	65	51
Montague	W. Earle	600	75	675	530	75	605	70	50	49	9	7	31	----	----	31	178	93
Muskegon—Central	J. P. McCarthy	1,300	200	1,500	1,300	200	1,500	------	115	115	------	5	75	----	----	75	771	128
Lakewood Heights	R. N. Middleton	750	------	750	649	------	649	101	36	24	4	4	20	----	----	20	95	50
North Muskegon	J. M. Wright	450	------	450	450	------	450	------	20	20	------	----	4	----	----	4	------	25
Newaygo	W. F. Glass	500	50	550	325	50	375	175	20	18	------	----	4	----	----	4	25	15
Pentwater	Thos. Boone	550	------	550	550	------	550	------	32	32	2	2	8	----	----	8	100	50
Ravenna	W. H. Holcomb	500	50	550	440	50	490	60	35	35	4	4	15	----	----	------	40	30
Robinson	David E. Lee	280	25	305	280	25	305	------	24	23	5	----	------	----	----	------	7	35
Rockford	T. T. George	700	100	800	700	100	800	------	50	50	10	5	32	----	7	39	172	78
Shelby	E. L. Sincleir	900	100	1,000	900	100	1,000	------	50	50	10	8	60	----	----	60	160	115
Sparta	L. W. Calkins	600	100	700	502	100	602	98	50	40	------	5	15	----	----	15	85	70
Spring Lake	C. E. Hoag	600	100	700	515	100	615	85	28	28	6	2	9	----	----	9	78	58
Whitehall	Henry Abraham	900	150	1,050	847	150	997	53	60	60	10	1	15	----	----	15	200	81
Wayland	C. W. Marshal	550	60	610	550	60	610	------	32	32	------	1	------	----	----	------	160	60
Totals		$27,322	$3,425	$30,747	$25,185	$3,425	$28,610	$2,425	$2,052	$1,964	$221	$183	$1,027	$215	$9	$1,274	$7,312	$2,595

STATISTICS NOS. 1 AND 4.—GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of Charge.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.								Benevolent Collections.															
																		Missions.							Education.								
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.		Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedman's Aid and Southern Educa'n Society.	Children's Fund.	Other Educa't'l Objects.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss'y Society.	Woman's Home Miss'y Society.	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants.	Gen'l Conf. Exp's.	Other Collections.
Ashland	8	86		2	2		1	12	58	2	$5,000	1	$200		$100	$800		$16	$4	$20	$1			$1	$2	$2					$4		
Benona	11	46		3		3	3	20	106			1	35					10		10	2	$1	$1	1	1	2	$1			$1	9		
Berlin and Lamont		77		2	2	5	2	23	109	2	4,000	2	700	$120				12	2	14	1				2	4				4	10		
Bowens Mills		6					1	7	35																								
Byron and Dorr	3	145	2	2	1	8	2	28	160	2	3,500	1	600	6				43	10	53	2	1	1	1	2	6	1			4	17		$1
Caledonia																		15		15					3			$2		1	16		1
Cannonsburg	2	86	1	4	1	1	2	20	120	3	3,500	1	800					15	3	18	2	2		1	2	2				2	10		1
Casnovia	4	64		2		1	2	24	117	2	2,300	1	1,000	30				11	3	14	2	1	1	2	4	5	1			2	7		
Coopersville	3	89	1	1		7	1	15	73	2	3,000	1	1,200	46		100		20	10	30	5	1	1	3	2	4	2	3		5	20		
Cedar Springs	33	104		2	1	15	2	24	140	2	5,000	1	1,000	75				8	4	12	1	1	1	2	3	4	1			3	9		
Edgerton and White Creek	13	34				4	1	9	40	2	3,500			15		947										2							
Fremont	6	120					1	15	130	1	4,000	1	600	50	225	300		10		10								14		2	8		
Grand Haven	8	62			3	1	1	18	80	1	3,500	1	1,000	30				17	14	31	3	1	1	2		3	1			2	6		1
Grand Rapids—Ames Ch	3	203		2	5	8	1	24	220	1	6,000					1,175		15	20	35	1	1	1	1	3		1	36	$16	2	18		
Dickinson Ave. & Feaklus M.	5	71	1		1		2			2	3,800			1,100	100	1,500		11		11	3	1	1	2	2		1			3	10		
Division St.	27	506	2	6	12	10	1	40	350	1	35,000	1	7,000	1,000	713	3,300		500	200	700	60	10	10	37	10	50	7	595	730	30	438		98
East St.	7	295	1	3	3	8	1	28	279	1	12,000			75				163	50	213	28	9	9	15	8	31	15	272	69	16	78		
Epworth Church	15	78	1		2	4	1	24	220	1	2,200			1,940		260		3	11	14	2	1	1	2	1		1			1	7		
Joy Memorial	23	160		1	31	14	2	27	218	1	5,000			1	108	3,003		19	21	40	9	1	1	4	2	12	1		25	4	31		
Plainfield Ave.	30	205		3	3	30	1	30	325	1	5,000			300	117	600		43	15	58	10	1	2	10	3	7	1		25		15		
Second St.	32	497		4	25	21	3	66	850	3	24,000	1	2,500	250				165	85	250	4	1	1	4	5	36	1	78	175	11	70		
Grandville	20	117	1	1	2	5	2	17	101	2	4,000	1	1,000	36				15	3	18	2	1	1	2	2	2	1			2	10		1
Hart	9	182	3	1			2	22	115	2	6,500	1	1,000	98		200		8	22	30	5	1	1	3	4	10	1	19		7	20		
Hastings	21	250		2	4	8	1	30	362	1	7,000	1	1,500					185	50	235	20	3	3	10	6	50	2	88	274	12	75		
Hastings Circuit	21	150	1		1	20	5	45	205	2	2,200	1	1,250	30		850		18	2	20	2	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	10		
Hesperia	16	136		1	3	12	2	37	107	1	800	1	500	20				20	10	30	4	2	1	3	2	1	1	10	6	4	10		
Holton	1	42		2			2	20	60	2	1,800	1	500						9	9	2	1	1	1	1	3	1			2	4		
Holland	13	156	3	1	2		2	34	285	2	5,200	1	1,500	65				30	30	60	4	1	1	3	2	3	1	41		7	25		2
Irving	13	115	1	1	1	25	3	33	190	3	7,200	1	1,000	1,600				30		30	6	2	2	4	2	7	1			5	26		
Middleville	4	108		3			2	27	170	2	2,800	1	700	500		80		18	12	30	5	1	1	5	4	5	1	12		4	16		
Montague	15	164	2	2			2	28	191	2	5,500	1	900					21	10	31	9	2	2	6	9	11	1	22		7	31		
Muskegon—Central	33	442	3	2	16	11	2	50	575	1	25,000	1	2,000		2,000	1,600		98	62	160	10	2	2	10	10	20	6	67	50	5	75		1
Lakewood Heights	17	178		3	7		3	39	250	3	5,000			200		600		20	12	32	4	1	1	2	8	2	1			4	20		1
*North Muskegon	*25	126			11	42	3	23	150	1	3,000			10		200		10		10											4		
Newaygo	4	60	1			2	1	14	85	1	800	1	700	10				5		5											4		
Pentwater	15	84		2	4	13	1	20	125	1	6,000			150				15	10	25	1	1	1	1		1		7	2	2	8		
Ravenna	23	98		2	3	9	1	16	140	1	2,000	1	500	80				25		25	4	1	1	2	2	3	1			4	15		
Robinson	23	80	1	1	12	2	4	18	110	1	1,000	1	1,000	200	100			10	1	11						2							
Rockford	41	191		2	4	39	2	27	232	2	6,000	1	750	240				38	13	57	2	1	1	3	4	13	1			5	39		60
Shelby	25	250	3	3	5	27	2	39	256	1	5,000	1	1,000	47	311	1,240		87	33	120	12	2	2	8	8	26	1	76		8	62		
Sparta	21	145			7	6	2	30	200	2	3,500	1	1,500	20				37	12	49	2	1	1	2	1	8	1	62		5	15		1
Spring Lake	16	93	1	2	1	3	3	28	130	2	4,000	1	1,000	100				18		18	2	1	1	1	1	2	1			2	9		
Whitehall	1	72		3	3	1	1	12	95	1	4,500	1	1,200		275	300		10	21	31	1			1	7	7		58	13	1	15		
Wayland	5	126	1	3	3	23	3	21	150	3	5,500	1	500	10	25	125		10	5	15	1					3		1		1	21		
Totals	615	6209	30	74	181	388	82	1084	7814	69	$244600	33	$36635	$8454	$4074	$17180		$1824	$769	$2593	$234	$58	$56	$156	$129	$350	$58	$1463	$1385	$180	$1274		$168

STATISTICS NO. 3.—GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Claims. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Total.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Total.	Pastor's Support. Deficiencies.	Support of Presiding Elders. Amount Apportioned.	Support of Presiding Elders. Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Apportioned.	Support of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Conference Claimants. Received from. Collections.	Conference Claimants. Received from. Endowments.	Conference Claimants. Received from. Other Sources.	Conference Claimants. Total.	Current expenses. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Current expenses. Sunday School: Lesson leaves, Books, etc.
Alanson	A. H. McComb	$325		$325	$273		$273	$52	$18	$18	$2	$2	$8			$8	$45	$20
Alba	H. E. Wiley	200		200	102		102	98	16	16	1	1	1			1	30	10
Alden	J. F. McKinley	450	$50	500	380	$50	430	70	20	20							60	
Bear Lake	J. Burdge																	
Bellaire	R. S. Flewelling	500	70	570	435	70	505	65	36	34	4	1	3			3	100	35
Benzonia	M. W. D. Riggs	335	72	407	335	72	407		28	28	2	2	6			6	65	42
Boyne City	L. S. Mathews	540	60	600	475	60	535	65	22	25			12			12	75	50
Charlevoix Circuit	B. H. Whitman	250	60	310	130		130	180	20	5			5			5	25	5
Charlevoix	J. W. Hallenbeck	900	200	1,100	853	200	1,053	47		45	7	7	25			25	255	68
Clarion	R. E. Yost	300	48	348	300	48	348		26	26	3	3	10			10	80	55
Cross Village	L. B. Carpenter																	
Copemish	G. W. Barnes	300	60	360	216	60	276	84	18	13	1	1	1			1	21	82
East Jordan	J. A. DeGrath	600	60	660	560	60	620	40	40	40	3	3	15			15	88	70
Ellsworth	J. Reusch	300		300	250		250	50	16	10		1	2			2	15	17
Elk Rapids	J. W. Miller																	
Fife Lake	Levi Aler	500	60	560	408	60	468	92	40	30	3	1	6			6	90	67
Frankfort	W. Z. Cole	450	100	550	400	100	500	50	32	24	2	2	7			7	125	45
Harbor Springs	G. S. Robinson	740	60	800	740	60	800		30	30	3	3	12			12	75	50
Harrietta and Boon	E. Burt	200	14	214	135	14	149	65	12	12							18	8
Inland	O. D. Watkins	400	50	450	284	50	334	116	32	16	2	1	2		$3	5	36	58
Kalkaska	James Allen	500	100	600	450	100	550	50	38	31		2	2			2	40	45
Kewadin	J. Jacobs	100		100	100		100		16	12						1	5	
Kingsley	A. Balgooyan	300		300	196		196	104	16	6			2			2	24	40
Mackinaw City	D. Engle	150		150	150		150					1	1			1	10	8
Mancelona	J. C. Beach	650	100	750	650	100	750		56	42	6	6	25			25	190	75
Manton	George Varion	355	75	430	355	75	430		28	28	2	2	8			8	55	40
Monroe Center	Wm. Stover	300	30	330	285	30	315	15	28	28	2		5			5		36
Northport and Indian Miss.	P. E. Whitman	340	75	415	340	75	415		32	32	1	1	5			5	30	24
Norwood	Irving Eagle	640	60	700	640	60	700		50	50	5	5	20			20	78	54
Old Mission	W. Heath	450		450	300		300	150	24	16	2	1	5			5	45	30
Oviatt	M. W. Woods	400	50	450	325	50	375	75	20	20							20	48
Petoskey	R. S. McGregor	1,400	200	1,600	1,400	200	1,600		108	108	13	13	42			42	555	147
Petoskey Indian Mission																		
Sherman	Hugh Kennedy	368	72	440	368	72	440		28	28	1	1	7			7	39	42
Torch Lake	R. Batterbee	500	50	550	284	50	334	216	35	32	3	1	6			6	40	47
Traverse City	W. A. Frye	1,400		1,400	1,400		1,440		120	120	8	8	35			35	200	100
West Traverse City	H. W. Smith	216	84	300	216	84	300		27	15							40	30
Williamsburg	D A. Green	400	50	450	265	50	315	135	32	14	2	1	2			2		50
Totals		$15,759	$1,910	$17,669	$14,000	$1,850	$15,850	$1,819	$1,064	$962	$78	$70	$281		$3	$284	$2,564	$1,498

STATISTICS NOS. 1 AND 4.—GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of Charge.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.							Benevolent Collections.															
																	Missions.							Education.								
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preach'rs.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and So. Educa'n Society.	Children's Fund.	Other Educational Objects.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants.	General Conference Expenses.	Other Collections.
Alanson	11	78	--	--	6	15	2	15	100	2	$2,300	--	------	$82	$140	------	$10	----	$10	$2	$1	$1	$1	$2	$1	$1	----	----	$2	$8	----	----
Alba	14	33	--	--	----	3	1	11	40	--	------	--	------	------	------	------	2	$1	3	----	----	----	----	2	1	----	----	----	1	1	----	$1
Alden	20	84	1	1	10	5	2	8	60	1	2,000	1	$800	265	125	$34	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Bear Lake	33	81	--	3	1	8	4	46	243	3	3,200	1	500	------	------	------	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Bellaire	11	157	2	2	----	13	4	42	251	2	4,300	1	600	42	30	1,170	8	----	8	2	----	----	1	----	----	----	----	----	1	3	----	----
Benzonia	9	74	--	3	----	4	2	18	90	3	3,000	1	800	------	------	100	15	----	15	3	1	1	2	2	----	1	----	----	2	6	----	----
Boyne City	5	115	1	--	1	4	2	22	100	2	3,500	1	400	------	140	800	15	5	20	2	----	----	1	----	9	----	----	----	----	12	----	----
Charlevoix Circuit	4	35	--	--	----	----	1	9	25	1	400	1	100	------	10	100	10	----	10	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	5	----	----
Charlevoix	15	217	2	2	10	3	1	25	165	1	3,500	1	2,000	882	175	300	60	----	60	5	1	1	4	5	10	1	----	$9	7	25	$1	----
Clarion	12	116	1	1	2	1	2	20	145	2	1,700	1	250	42	------	150	20	----	20	4	2	1	3	2	2	1	----	----	3	10	2	----
Cross Village	50	52	1	2	7	18	2	23	140	2	2,300	1	500	850	40	100	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Copemish	12	38	1	--	----	----	2	22	105	2	------	1	300	360	8	200	4	----	4	----	1	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	1	1	----	----
East Jordan	33	187	1	1	17	6	4	33	260	1	2,000	1	500	4	30	620	15	20	35	5	2	1	4	8	10	1	----	----	3	15	1	1
Ellsworth	17	17	--	--	5	9	1	10	40	1	1,500	--	------	50	------	600	1	----	1	1	----	----	----	1	----	----	$1	----	1	2	----	----
Elk Rapids	32	168	2	3	5	13	2	30	133	2	3,500	1	1,000	------	150	528	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Fife Lake	6	122	--	2	----	4	4	39	175	3	3,600	1	600	43	------	300	8	3	11	2	1	1	3	2	3	1	----	----	1	6	2	----
Frankfort	8	41	--	1	----	----	2	27	148	2	2,800	1	800	350	90	300	12	3	15	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	----	----	2	7	----	1
Harbor Springs	43	161	1	4	3	19	1	16	150	1	2,500	1	500	------	154	195	16	12	28	5	1	1	4	3	8	1	----	----	3	12	----	7
Harrietta and Boon	9	17	--	--	2	10	1	11	65	--	------	--	------	------	------	------	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Inland	4	93	1	3	----	----	4	28	140	--	------	1	700	50	25	------	13	2	15	----	1	3	----	1	7	----	----	----	1	5	----	----
Kalkaska	8	106	1	1	2	----	1	16	113	2	3,200	1	700	200	210	------	15	6	21	2	1	1	1	2	----	1	----	----	2	2	----	----
Kewadin	5	54	1	4	5	----	--	----	--	1	------	1	100	------	------	------	1	----	1	----	----	----	----	1	----	----	----	----	----	1	----	----
Kingsley	14	64	3	1	----	----	2	20	75	1	1,000	--	------	10	------	400	3	----	3	----	----	----	----	1	1	----	----	----	----	2	----	----
Mackinaw City	1	30	1	--	3	1	1	5	20	1	2,000	--	------	------	30	240	2	----	2	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	1	1	----	----
Mancelona	44	177	2	3	1	3	4	32	185	3	3,300	1	800	183	45	5	50	52	102	8	2	1	7	6	11	1	53	----	6	25	----	1
Manton	3	78	--	2	----	1	3	31	195	1	2,000	1	500	20	35	------	10	5	15	3	1	1	3	2	2	1	----	----	2	8	----	----
Monroe Center	62	74	1	--	----	----	5	47	198	1	600	1	350	------	------	------	25	----	25	----	----	----	----	1	6	----	----	----	----	5	----	----
Northport and Ind. Mis.	18	125	2	2	20	10	3	25	165	2	2,000	1	500	5	50	80	7	5	12	2	1	1	2	3	3	1	----	----	1	5	1	----
Norwood	2	159	--	3	5	1	3	42	195	2	4,000	1	700	169	------	------	40	----	40	4	1	1	4	4	5	1	----	----	5	20	1	----
Old Mission	8	58	--	--	----	----	2	16	70	3	2,500	--	------	40	------	125	8	----	8	1	----	----	1	1	1	1	----	----	1	5	1	1
Oviatt	----	64	1	1	----	----	2	16	90	2	1,700	2	700	400	------	200	5	2	7	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Petoskey	42	522	3	6	6	16	2	51	418	1	16,000	1	3,000	950	------	3,000	229	26	255	23	3	3	18	10	15	5	145	75	13	42	----	56
Petoskey Ind. Mission	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	----	------	------	------	------	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Sherman	5	46	--	1	----	6	2	25	169	1	1,500	1	500	70	------	------	10	----	10	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	----	----	1	7	----	1
Torch Lake	5	139	2	2	4	7	3	15	107	2	1,200	1	700	------	------	165	6	12	18	2	1	----	2	2	----	1	1	----	1	6	----	----
Traverse City	20	375	1	3	28	19	1	28	300	1	6,000	--	------	------	1,400	------	125	----	125	20	3	2	10	5	13	2	73	27	8	35	----	----
West Traverse City	1	65	--	--	----	----	2	22	120	1	800	1	700	750	------	300	10	----	10	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Williamsburg	8	103	1	2	----	3	3	34	140	2	3,000	1	400	2	18	323	1	4	5	1	----	----	----	2	3	----	----	----	1	2	----	1
Total	594	4125	33	60	143	202	83	880	5135	58	$93100	30	$20000	$5,819	$2,905	$10335	$756	$158	$914	$101	$26	$22	$75	$62	$115	$23	$273	$111	$70	$284	$9	$70

STATISTICS NO. 3.—IONIA DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support.							Support of Presiding Elders.		Support of Bishops.		Conference Claimants.				Current Expenses.	
		Claims.			Receipts.			Deficiencies.					Received from					
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.		Amount Appor.	Amount Paid.	Amount Appor.	Amount Paid.	Collections.	Endowments.	Other Sources.	Total.	Church.	Sunday School.
Ada	Wm. Slee	$300		$300	$243		$243	$57	$21	$21	$3	$1	$5			$5	$24	$16
Belding	O. J. Golden	704	$96	800	650	$96	746	54	56	56		2	10			10	125	75
Berlin Center	Wm. Doty	300		225			225	75	16	16	4	2	5			5	25	28
Bowne	J. H. Westbrook	600	60	660	600	60	660		46	46	10	4	20			20	75	75
Caldwell	Chas. W. Holden	225		225	185		185	40	20	20	3		1			1	15	38
Carson City	J. W. Davids	1,050		1,050					73	61		4	30			30	205	100
Coral	J. C. Deitrick	450		450	302		302	148	35	32		1	3			3	60	46
Crystal	A. B. Johnson	400			232			168	20	20							15	
Dushville	J. Gulick	500			350		350	150	40	40			6			6	70	50
Edmore	A. C. Parsons	450		450	450		450		42	42	3	3	5			5	80	50
Entrican	W. J. Massey	400		400	191		191	209	31	17		1	2			2		50
Freeport	J. R. Wooton	500	50	550	500	50	550		38	38	6		9			9	70	33
Greenville Circuit	W. R. Stinchcomb	600	100	700	600	100	700		44	40	6	6	20			20	30	50
Howard City	Wm. Judd	600	100	700	500	100	600	100	35	30	6	2	5			5	75	42
Hubbardston	H R. Hawley	530	100	630	350	100	450	180	42	22	4	2					110	40
Ionia	D. F. Barnes	1,400	200	1,600	1,400	200	1,600		112	112	21	21	70			70	1,040	100
Lake Odessa	Chas. Nease	700	100	800	550	100	650	150	49	43	8	1	20			20	61	50
Lake View	L. L. Tower	500	75	575	400	75	475	100	45	31	6	5	15			15	50	42
Lowell	A. P. Moors	800	100	900	800	100	900		63	63	11	6	38			38	278	54
Lyons	A R. Keillor	500	100	600	338	100	438	162	35	23		1	8			8	100	43
Millbrook	N. M. Barnes	325	50	375	325	50	375		22		3						70	60
Nashville	Arthur Trott	650	75	725	625	75	700	25	56	47	10	2	10			10	125	167
Oak Grove	Willard Aldrich	400		400	226		226	174	21	12	3		3			3		20
Orange	W. J. Wilson	675	75	750	675	75	750		52	17		1	20			20	100	35
Orleans	A K. Stewart	600	50	650	560	50	610	40	45	45	10	6	30			30	125	80
Palo	John Dobson	600	50	650	600	50	650		49	49	8	2	25			25	100	40
Pewamo	A. E. Carman	300	60	360	167	60	227	133	20	18	3		3			3	10	7
Pierson and Sand Lake	A. J. Morris	475	25	500	340	25	365	135	35	27								
Portland	N. L. Bray	1,000	200	1,200	1,000	200	1,200		84	84	19	10	60			60	160	50
Remus	P. D. Huff	400	50	450	347	50	397	53	31	31	3		5			5	51	45
Saranac	F. E. Dodds	425	75	500	425	75	500										50	40
Sebewa	N. E. Gibbs	650	75	725	650	75	725		51	51	7	2	18			18	140	74
Sheridan	C. M. Welch	650	75	725	650	75	700	25	45	45	8	4	20			20	175	75
Stanton	A. C. Jones	600	50	650	390	50	440	210	45	15			5			5	44	46
South Lowell	E. W. Davis	450		450			450		28	28	5	5	27			27	100	70
Vergennes and Keen		300	50	350	300	50	350		38	30			2			2		
Woodland	F. A. Van DeWalker	550	50	600	431	50	481	119	42	38	5	2	25			25	100	46
Totals		$20,559	$2,076	$11,365	$15,252	$2,076	$18,651	$2,507	$1,416	$1,310	$175	$96	$525			$525	$3,858	$1,839

STATISTICS NOS. 1 AND 4.—IONIA DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of Charge.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.							Benevolent Collections.															
																	Missions.							Education.							
	No. of Probat'ers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Children's Fund.	Other Educat'nal Obj'ts.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss'y Society.	Woman's Home Miss'y Society.	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants.	General Conference Expenses.	Other Collections.
Ada	1	66	----	----	----	----	2	17	92	2	$2,000	----	----	$500	----	----	$10	----	$10	$2	$1	$1	$1	$3	$2	$1	----	----	$1	$5	$2	----
Belding	50	190	1	3	1	20	2	30	290	2	3,500	1	$1,000	50	----	$1,000	25	$36	61	1	----	----	----	1	----	----	----	----	----	10	----	----
Berlin Center	5	65	----	1	----	3	1	15	90	1	1,500	----	----	----	----	----	18	----	18	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	2	5	----	----
Bowne	20	216	1	4	1	11	3	28	255	3	7,000	1	800	----	$50	----	37	3	40	4	1	----	4	3	17	----	----	----	4	20	----	----
Caldwell	25	40	----	----	----	4	3	22	141	1	3,000	----	----	----	----	----	3	----	3	----	----	----	1	----	3	----	----	----	----	1	----	----
Carson City	12	300	1	5	4	26	2	32	280	2	6,000	1	1,800	55	----	500	46	29	75	4	1	1	3	3	14	1	$28	$40	4	30	----	$25
Coral	43	123	----	2	3	7	4	44	196	1	1,800	1	250	----	----	----	7	----	7	2	----	----	1	----	1	----	----	----	1	3	----	----
Crystal	3	44	----	1	----	5	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	45	----	----	5	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	2	----	----
Dushville	15	125	----	----	----	----	4	52	260	4	4,500	1	500	----	----	500	5	----	5	----	----	----	----	7	4	----	----	----	----	6	----	----
Edmore	65	80	1	1	----	1	2	24	160	2	4,300	----	----	----	----	297	11	----	11	----	----	----	----	3	----	----	----	----	3	5	----	----
Entrican	44	125	2	1	----	10	5	46	240	2	1,400	1	600	50	----	----	4	----	4	----	----	----	----	----	1	----	----	----	1	2	1	----
Freeport	11	107	----	2	2	3	2	25	150	2	3,800	1	500	2,000	168	500	13	7	20	2	----	----	5	3	6	----	----	----	----	9	3	----
Greenville Circuit	16	189	----	4	30	56	3	40	180	3	3,000	1	750	----	75	240	35	----	35	4	1	1	4	5	5	1	----	18	6	20	----	----
Howard City	----	60	1	2	----	3	1	20	120	1	1,500	1	1,000	96	56	856	12	----	12	2	----	----	1	----	2	----	----	----	2	5	----	----
Hubbardston	----	90	1	----	----	2	1	18	160	1	3,000	1	700	40	----	----	12	15	27	----	----	----	----	2	3	----	16	----	2	9	3	----
Ionia	12	435	2	2	2	9	1	34	400	1	35,000	1	2,000	50	----	832	70	63	133	10	3	2	10	8	43	3	61	129	21	70	----	35
Lake Odessa	12	183	1	2	4	21	2	40	210	1	1,800	1	1,200	20	175	900	15	35	50	2	----	1	2	3	4	1	----	----	1	28	----	----
Lake View	----	75	----	1	----	3	1	11	58	1	2,000	1	600	30	----	----	12	15	27	5	2	2	5	----	3	2	----	----	5	15	----	----
Lowell	8	221	----	1	1	9	1	21	199	1	7,500	1	1,200	----	200	----	73	31	104	15	2	2	9	4	15	2	29	17	6	38	----	----
Lyons	2	60	----	1	----	----	1	16	103	2	5,000	1	850	40	----	62	2	10	12	1	----	----	1	2	5	----	----	----	1	8	----	----
Millbrook	8	74	----	----	2	3	2	23	164	3	3,000	1	500	----	----	100	9	3	12	----	----	----	----	2	3	----	----	----	----	5	----	1
Nashville	27	226	----	2	----	----	2	37	247	2	6,500	----	----	125	162	300	32	8	40	3	1	2	3	3	9	1	----	----	2	10	----	----
Oak Grove	5	102	----	2	----	3	2	22	75	1	2,000	----	----	----	10	120	6	----	6	----	----	----	----	1	2	----	----	----	----	3	----	----
Orange	2	130	----	3	----	7	2	25	160	2	4,100	1	1,000	5	----	----	55	15	70	1	1	----	2	2	8	1	50	50	1	20	----	----
Orleans	60	259	1	----	1	70	3	37	229	4	6,500	1	500	62	----	50	32	13	45	6	2	2	5	8	17	2	----	----	6	30	5	100
Palo	30	194	----	6	10	59	1	17	150	2	3,000	1	600	300	----	70	29	21	50	7	1	1	5	2	8	1	45	----	2	25	----	----
Pewamo	10	28	----	1	----	2	1	10	30	1	1,500	----	----	25	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	1	----	----	2	----	----	----	----	3	2	----
Pierson & Sand Lake	70	155	1	1	----	27	4	45	225	3	5,800	1	1,000	1,800	----	----	2	----	2	----	----	----	----	1	4	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Portland	5	370	1	2	1	2	1	19	200	1	3,500	1	1,500	50	300	----	82	28	110	20	4	4	13	5	22	4	55	113	10	60	10	----
Remus	6	70	----	----	----	----	3	24	200	3	3,000	1	4,500	30	----	450	----	----	5	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	5	----	----
Saranac	9	98	1	1	3	5	1	21	102	1	2,000	1	500	----	----	----	12	5	17	2	1	1	4	3	----	1	----	----	----	8	----	----
Sebewa	18	130	----	1	----	----	3	42	260	3	5,400	1	1,100	140	----	575	15	5	20	3	1	1	2	3	14	1	----	----	2	17	----	----
Sheridan	46	165	----	2	----	2	4	31	144	3	6,000	----	----	----	----	----	68	8	68	----	----	----	10	5	5	----	1	----	4	20	----	----
Stanton	10	132	----	2	1	4	2	24	158	2	2,600	1	200	72	----	----	2	8	10	1	----	----	----	3	6	1	12	----	----	5	----	----
South Lowell	24	118	1	1	1	1	2	28	230	2	2,800	----	----	----	----	----	35	15	50	12	2	2	7	7	11	2	14	----	5	27	5	----
Vergennes and Keen	----	68	----	----	----	----	2	15	75	2	4,500	1	100	----	----	----	5	----	5	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	2	----	----
Woodland	9	105	1	1	3	3	2	27	184	2	2,800	1	700	5	----	----	57	----	57	7	2	2	12	5	5	2	----	----	2	25	----	7
Totals	662	5218	17	58	70	381	78	982	5417	72	162600	27	$21900	$5590	$1196	$6352	$856	$373	$1221	$116	$26	$26	$110	$97	$244	$27	$311	$367	$94	$556	$31	$168

STATISTICS NO. 3.—KALAMAZOO DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Claims. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Total.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Total.	Pastor's Support. Deficiencies.	Support of Presiding Elders. Amount Apportioned.	Support of Presiding Elders. Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Apportioned	Support of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Conference Claimants. Rec'd from Collections.	Conference Claimants. Rec'd from Endowments.	Conference Claimants. Rec'd from Other Sources.	Conference Claimants. Total.	Current Expenses. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Current Expenses. School: Sunday Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
Allegan	J. C. Cook	$700	$100	$800	$635	$100	$735	$65	$68	$52	$7	$3	$17	----	----	$17	$150	$54
Augusta	S. B. Ford	* 400	100	500	450	100	550	------	38	38	8	1	25	----	----	25	110	55
Banfield	F. W. Haist	515	50	565	515	50	565	------	48	48	----	2	23	----	----	23	45	58
Bloomingdale	Thos. Laity	600	75	675	580	75	655	20	56	56	9	3	13	----	----	13	200	100
Climax	C. E. Deal	725	100	825	518	100	618	207	61	46	6	3	25	----	$5	30	130	40
Comstock	C. T. Van Antwerp	500	87	587	400	87	487	100	40	27	2	1	5	----	----	5	25	5
Cooper	W. B. Van Wickle	475	100	575	400	100	500	75	48	37	5	1	8	----	----	8	80	------
Delton	L P. Richtmyer	400	------	400	372	------	372	28	34	29	6	3	10	----	----	10	25	17
Douglas	J. C. Chase	400	75	475	290	75	365	110	------	9	----	----	3	----	----	3	75	25
Fennville	Frank Lines	500	78	578	450	78	528	50	42	11	----	----	9	----	----	9	100	50
Fulton	M. F. Loomis	600	75	675	600	75	675	------	53	53	9	9	30	----	----	30	100	45
Galesburg	E. O. Mather	600	100	700	600	100	700	------	55	45	9	4	15	----	----	15	115	57
Ganges	A. M. Griffith	575	50	625	600	50	650	------	53	53	6	----	20	----	----	20	57	50
Gobleville	George Donaldson	600	75	675	413	75	488	187	57	37	8	1	3	----	----	3	75	52
Kalamazoo, East Avenue	L. N. Pattison	800	------	800	800	------	800	------	68	68	----	----	25	----	----	25	140	75
" First Church	L. De Lamarter	1,800	------	1,800	1,800	------	1,800	------	180	180	28	18	77	----	----	77	1,503	59
" Simpson	C W. East	1,000	------	1,000	1,000	------	1,000	------	85	85	8	8	44	----	----	44	182	70
Kendall	W. W. Allen	300	36	336	180	36	216	120	28	28	4	----	5	----	----	5	40	22
Lacota	Louis Blanchett	400	50	450	383	50	433	17	34	20	4	1	12	----	----	11	70	10
Martin	W. H. Phelps	600	75	675	570	75	645	30	58	59	11	11	51	----	----	51	125	60
Mendon	J. W. McDougall	725	100	825	725	100	825	------	70	70	13	6	35	----	----	35	211	62
Monterey	R. W. Tindall	450	------	450	278	------	278	172	38	22	----	----	2	----	----	2	------	------
Nottawa and Bradley Indian Miss.	Lewis Medawis	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	------
Oshtemo	J. A. Sprague	300	------	300	200	------	200	100	25	17	----	1	1	----	----	1	50	15
Otsego	W. H. Stacey	800	100	900	800	100	900	------	76	58	9	1	40	----	----	40	175	100
Parkville	S. Trewin	400	50	450	270	50	320	130	38	20	6	1	5	----	----	5	70	56
Plainwell	W. J. Hathaway	800	50	850	650	50	700	150	72	56	9	7	55	----	----	55	175	106
Prairieville	C. S. Wheeler	575	60	635	550	60	610	25	46	47	6	1	21	----	----	21	105	44
Richland	J. B. Peatling	475	75	550	475	75	550	------	46	38	3	2	12	----	----	12	150	38
Saugatuck	Jno. L. Mount	500	------	500	350	------	350	150	42	26	3	2	20	----	----	20	75	19
Schoolcraft	J. F. Peschman	600	100	700	550	100	650	50	60	55	5	2	17	----	----	17	105	36
South Haven	S. C. Strickland	850	150	1,000	850	150	1,000	------	84	84	----	6	21	----	4	25	184	100
Three Rivers	F. C. Lee	1,000	150	1,150	1,000	150	1,150	------	100	100	15	10	25	----	----	25	500	78
Trowbridge	Chas. M. Merrill	500	------	500	500	------	500	------	43	41	5	2	16	----	----	16	47	30
Vicksburg	W. W. Lamport	650	50	700	625	50	675	25	55	48	8	2	13	----	----	13	133	55
Totals	------	$21,115	$2,111	$23,226	$19,379	$2,111	$21,490	$1,811	$1,901	$1,663	$212	$112	$703	----	$9	$712	$5,327	$1,643

STATISTICS NOS. 1 AND 4.—KALAMAZOO DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of Charge.	Church Membership				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.							Benevolent Collections.														
																	Missions.							Education.							
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Loc'l Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Child'n Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and So. Educa'n Society.	Children's Fund.	Other Educational Objects.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants.	General Conference Expenses.	Other Collections.
Allegan	9	153	--	2	--	13	2	24	150	2	$4,000	2	$2,000	----	----	----	$22	$7	$29	$5	$1	$1	$4	$6	$9	$1	----	$21	$3	$17	$2	$10
Augusta	* 4	116	--	1	1	----	3	30	150	2	4,000	1	1,000	$625	----	$25	50	10	60	6	1	1	5	2	8	1	$14	----	1	25	2	5
Banfield	9	159	1	--	--	6	3	37	215	2	3,000	1	800	20	$14	----	28	13	41	4	3	3	3	3	20	3	----	----	2	23	----	1
Bloomingdale	4	191	1	4	1	9	5	43	250	4	5,200	1	500	----	95	450	24	11	35	4	1	1	3	8	6	2	----	----	3	13	----	----
Climax	19	156	--	3	--	2	3	39	178	2	7,500	1	1,000	----	----	----	76	10	86	4	1	1	3	7	17	1	58	----	3	30	5	----
Comstock	2	52	--	2	--	----	2	16	84	1	3,500	1	850	50	----	----	7	----	7	1	----	----	1	2	----	----	----	----	1	5	----	----
Cooper	----	90	--	1	--	----	2	24	110	2	2,500	1	1,500	60	----	----	30	----	30	----	----	----	----	3	----	----	15	----	1	8	----	----
Delton	14	68	--	--	1	10	2	21	61	1	1,200	--	----	----	50	----	15	3	18	3	1	1	2	2	3	1	----	----	3	10	----	----
Douglas	5	71	--	1	4	6	2	18	75	1	1,500	1	900	----	----	310	5	----	5	----	----	----	----	1	2	----	----	----	----	3	----	----
Fennville	3	106	--	1	--	3	2	19	140	2	4,000	--	----	----	50	1,400	31	8	39	----	----	----	----	5	----	----	----	----	----	9	----	----
Fulton	18	163	1	2	1	----	2	30	170	1	2,500	1	1,200	100	----	----	59	21	80	9	2	2	8	5	18	2	29	----	9	30	----	----
Galesburg	5	172	1	2	1	1	1	20	215	1	9,000	1	1,600	415	----	45	61	20	81	4	2	1	3	2	13	2	65	----	4	15	----	1
Ganges	18	144	--	2	6	25	1	17	175	1	3,000	1	1,400	5	600	----	61	7	68	----	----	----	----	----	31	----	----	----	----	20	----	1
Gobleville	2	116	--	1	--	----	2	25	100	2	3,000	1	750	----	----	575	8	----	8	1	----	----	----	1	9	----	----	----	1	3	----	----
Kalamazoo, East Ave.	10	100	--	2	10	5	1	16	180	1	6,000	--	----	40	500	----	61	22	83	10	2	2	10	3	11	2	50	----	----	25	----	1
First Church	8	600	1	4	3	6	1	45	400	1	40,000	--	----	----	----	925	262	108	370	50	8	7	35	12	30	8	99	124	18	77	12	20
Simpson	6	185	--	--	2	3	1	40	190	1	5,500	--	----	----	----	1,200	57	33	90	16	3	3	12	10	17	3	38	34	8	44	----	1
Kendall	10	80	--	1	--	----	1	10	52	1	2,000	1	300	40	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	1	1	2	1	3	2	----	5	----	1
Lacota	----	66	--	2	--	----	1	12	128	1	2,500	1	500	50	----	----	20	4	24	1	----	----	1	3	6	1	32	----	1	11	----	----
Martin	25	221	--	3	4	48	2	31	197	2	3,500	1	1,200	50	----	----	141	59	200	25	5	5	16	15	25	5	40	----	11	51	8	135
Mendon	14	267	1	5	13	43	2	31	288	2	3,800	1	800	270	----	----	40	25	65	10	1	1	7	5	15	2	----	----	6	35	3	1
Monterey	9	70	2	1	--	10	2	32	120	1	1,000	1	150	----	----	----	2	3	5	----	----	----	----	2	1	----	----	----	----	2	----	----
Nottawa & Bradley I. M.	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Oshtemo	----	44	--	1	--	----	1	10	50	1	3,000	1	1,000	500	----	----	2	----	2	----	----	----	2	2	1	----	7	----	1	1	----	----
Otsego	8	320	--	3	--	8	1	24	220	1	7,000	1	1,000	10	----	1,275	79	21	100	1	1	1	1	2	10	1	74	33	1	40	----	1
Parkville	1	104	--	2	--	----	2	22	134	1	3,000	1	550	----	26	16	8	----	8	1	----	----	1	----	4	----	25	----	1	5	----	----
Plainwell	8	215	--	2	--	2	2	42	280	1	4,000	1	600	----	----	----	80	45	125	14	2	2	4	8	21	2	94	124	7	55	3	24
Prairieville	19	126	--	1	3	11	3	32	158	3	5,200	1	800	70	----	----	50	----	50	5	1	1	4	4	17	1	46	5	1	21	----	----
Richland	6	100	--	2	1	24	2	26	140	2	4,000	1	800	50	----	----	19	1	20	3	----	----	3	10	5	----	17	----	2	12	----	1
Saugatuck	----	59	--	3	11	2	1	15	80	1	1,500	--	----	70	----	----	41	17	58	8	2	2	5	3	7	2	----	----	2	20	----	----
Schoolcraft	10	108	--	2	--	4	1	17	107	1	3,000	1	1,000	21	----	----	73	----	73	6	1	1	4	2	8	1	30	----	2	17	----	4
South Haven	40	375	1	1	--	20	2	28	240	2	10,000	1	1,500	----	600	600	60	15	75	5	----	----	3	----	13	2	34	31	6	25	6	1
Three Rivers	----	250	2	5	--	----	1	25	171	1	19,000	1	2,000	100	----	1,200	62	21	83	6	1	1	5	3	5	1	86	39	10	25	----	1
Trowbridge	7	150	--	3	5	22	1	17	124	1	1,000	--	----	10	----	----	30	10	40	6	1	1	4	3	8	1	----	31	2	16	2	----
Vicksburg	16	150	1	4	1	7	2	25	155	2	3,600	1	600	----	----	----	18	7	25	1	1	1	1	2	4	1	45	50	2	13	----	1
Totals	309	5347	12	69	68	290	62	863	5487	51	$182500	28	$26300	$2556	$1935	$8021	$1582	$501	$2083	$209	$41	$39	$151	$137	$346	$47	$901	$494	$112	$712	$43	$210

STATISTICS NO. 3.—LANSING DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support.							Support of Presiding Elders.		Support of Bishops.		Conference Claimants.				Current expenses.	
		Claims.			Receipts.			Deficiencies.	Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Received from			Total.	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.						Collections.	Endowments.	Other Sources.			
Alma	J. W. McAllister	$855	$72	$927	$695	$8	$703	$224	$64	$54			$8			$8	$130	$96
Bannister and DuPlain	Thos. Young	600	30	630	560	30	590	40	44	44	$7	$7	29			29	80	66
Bath	A. A. Stephens	525	75	600	495	75	570	30	42	36	7	2	14			14	125	81
Breckenridge	B. J. Youngs	445	50	495	445	50	495		33	33		2					90	62
Charlotte	E. G. Lewis	1,200	150	1,350	1,200	150	1,350		98	98	21	5	70			70	500	100
Delta	James E. Foote	525	75	600	525	75	600		42	42		1	10			10	50	50
DeWitt	F. L. Niles	600	50	650	600	50	650		47	47	8	4	17			17	150	150
Eagle	W. H. Wright	475	75	550	350	75	425	125	35	28		2	5			5	90	40
Eaton Circuit	A. W. Simmons	440		440					35	35	10	3	12			12	92	38
Eaton Rapids	J. G. Crosier	1,200	150	1,350	1,200	150	1,350		94	94	26	10	90			90	266	82
Elm Hall	W. A. Robinson	425	36	461	330	36	366	95	35	35	4	1	5			5	90	56
Elsie	W. L. Holmes	650	100	750	650	100	750		49	49	13	5	31			31	175	54
Grand Ledge	J. W. Vickers	600	100	700	450	100	550	150	49	49	7	1	10			10	100	50
Gresham	J. E. Messner	500	50	550	500	50	550		38	38	8	5	25			25	180	82
Ithaca	Geo. Killeen	800	100	900	800	100	900		60	60	12	5	20			20	150	100
Lansing—Central Church	F. L. Thompson	1,400	300	1,700	1,400	300	1,700		126	126	36	12	131			131	1,474	226
Lansing—First Church	A. T. Luther	850	150	1,000	740	150	890	110	70	55	12	2	18			18	245	111
Maple Rapids	A. O. Carman	700	75	775	700	75	775		54	54	12	5	28			28	139	102
Mason	W. H. B. Urch	1,050	150	1,200	1,065	150	1,215		84	84		3	33			33	250	145
Okemos	John Klose	500	50	550	500	50	550		41	36	9	5	8			8	100	40
Ovid	A. T. Ferguson	1,100	150	1,250	1,100	150	1,250		88	88	23	20	96			96	455	98
Perrinton	H. D. Skinner	700	50	750	700	50	750		49	49	12	6	20			20	190	100
Potterville	Geo. Bullen	700	100	800	650	100	750	50	56	52	9	3	15			15	120	59
St. Johns	D. D. Martin	1,100	100	1,200	1,100	100	1,200		80	80	18	10	32			32	400	94
St. Louis	H. H. Ford	900		900	900		900		49	49	15		17			17	100	75
Sethton	C. D. Tubbs	350		350	320		320	30	26	26	1	1	5			5	25	38
Shepardsville	J. P. Durham	500	50	550	500	50	550		39	39	5	5	24			24	92	74
Sickels and Ashley	I. H. Skinner	500		500	500		500		37	37	7	3	12			12	50	50
Vermontville	J. W. Steffe	700	50	750	700	50	750		59	48	12	10	32			32	135	49
Winfield	E. E. Wood	400	50	450	355	50	405	45	36	34							130	56
Totals		$21,290	$2,388	$23,678	$20,030	$2,324	$22,354	$899	$1,659	$1,599	$294	$138	$817			$817	$6,172	$2,424

STATISTICS NOS. 1 AND 4.—LANSING DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of Charge.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.							Benevolent Collections.															
																	Missions.							Education.								
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Pr'chers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and So. Educa'n Society.	Children's Fund.	Other Educational Objects.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants.	General Conference Expenses.	Other Collections.
Alma	46	260	2	2	10	17	2	36	246	2	$7,500	1	$500	$2,910	----	$1,150	$18	$3	$21	$1	----	----	$1	----	$20	----	$34	----	----	$8	----	----
Bannister and DuPlain	12	132	1	1	3	23	2	34	165	2	2,500	1	300	135	$5	295	67	3	70	8	$2	$2	7	$4	10	$2	40	----	$7	29	----	$5
Bath	25	146	--	2	2	20	2	32	206	2	3,000	1	800	15	----	----	40	5	45	4	1	1	5	3	9	1	23	----	2	20	----	3
Breckenridge	60	200	1	3	4	58	4	38	150	4	3,800	1	500	300	100	200	16	4	20	3	1	1	2	5	8	1	24	----	1	18	----	----
Charlotte	12	398	--	10	6	40	1	34	350	1	8,500	1	1,500	450	80	900	65	53	118	5	2	1	5	30	2	2	33	$68	5	70	----	150
Delta	----	175	1	1	----	1	2	28	150	3	5,800	1	500	25	----	----	20	----	20	2	1	----	2	----	9	1	----	----	1	10	----	----
DeWitt	5	140	3	1	7	35	4	40	200	4	7,000	1	200	----	----	----	42	3	45	9	1	1	7	----	14	1	----	----	4	17	----	6
Eagle	21	105	--	1	3	18	3	31	180	1	1,500	1	500	35	75	115	12	----	12	2	1	----	----	2	8	----	----	----	2	5	----	----
Eaton Circuit	2	185	--	--	----	----	2	25	140	2	2,200	1	400	2,000	----	1,250	13	22	35	6	2	1	4	----	8	1	----	----	3	12	----	3
Eaton Rapids	5	398	--	5	2	10	1	33	280	1	15,000	1	1,200	100	----	----	185	30	215	15	5	4	12	10	31	4	70	----	10	90	----	1
Elm Hall	2	72	--	2	----	4	3	30	128	3	2,200	--	----	25	192	64	10	1	11	2	1	1	2	7	5	1	----	----	1	5	----	10
Elsie	2	274	4	5	----	13	1	23	175	1	4,000	1	1,500	211	----	----	21	10	31	----	----	----	----	8	----	----	----	----	5	31	----	----
Grand Ledge	7	105	--	3	----	----	1	17	185	1	5,000	1	1,150	20	----	----	6	15	21	1	1	----	1	2	8	----	19	----	1	10	----	----
Gresham	10	129	1	3	3	4	4	45	225	3	5,000	1	800	75	54	20	44	6	50	5	1	1	3	3	10	1	----	----	5	25	----	1
Ithaca	20	331	--	1	5	42	2	35	340	2	6,500	1	1,000	125	80	----	70	30	100	10	2	2	6	12	20	2	40	2	5	20	$3	5
Lansing—Cen. Church	79	724	2	6	10	7	1	57	635	1	50,000	1	5,000	299	3,000	7,000	168	118	286	62	3	3	35	20	51	4	138	78	14	135	----	107
Lansing—1st Church	15	190	--	2	5	12	1	25	300	1	5,500	1	1,200	45	----	----	15	5	20	5	5	1	5	1	7	1	30	30	3	----	----	----
Maple Rapids and Greenbush	18	246	1	1	5	53	3	43	215	2	4,300	1	1,000	176	----	11	67	8	75	10	1	1	10	9	25	1	42	----	5	28	1	----
Mason	10	275	--	2	5	17	1	35	225	1	6,000	1	1,500	1,300	----	----	58	42	100	8	1	1	7	6	25	2	45	65	3	33	----	50
Okemos	16	127	1	2	----	9	2	22	115	2	3,500	1	500	----	----	----	20	20	40	6	----	----	6	----	5	----	13	----	5	8	----	6
Ovid	3	362	1	8	2	19	1	32	300	1	16,000	1	2,000	----	1,676	2,000	169	65	234	18	2	2	8	4	25	5	73	51	20	96	----	63
Perrinton	4	178	--	2	----	10	5	62	365	4	6,800	1	1,000	200	475	250	15	15	30	6	1	----	4	5	5	1	----	----	6	20	----	1
Potterville	8	131	--	1	----	----	2	24	168	2	5,500	1	1,000	231	----	----	37	20	57	4	1	1	4	2	15	1	----	----	3	15	----	33
St. Johns	13	343	2	3	4	10	1	28	328	1	20,000	1	2,500	5,000	----	8,500	60	35	95	20	2	2	12	3	25	2	29	46	10	32	----	7
St. Louis	18	274	--	2	----	7	1	18	165	1	3,200	--	----	100	----	----	25	5	30	----	----	----	----	5	----	----	21	----	----	25	----	1
Sethton	12	51	--	--	----	22	3	25	125	1	1,000	--	----	5	----	100	7	3	10	----	----	----	1	----	2	----	----	----	1	5	----	----
Shepardsville	11	140	--	1	2	51	3	40	288	2	3,250	1	1,000	302	10	40	31	27	58	11	1	1	3	2	10	2	76	13	5	24	----	1
Sickles and Ashley	39	121	2	2	2	9	2	25	155	3	5,800	--	----	1,300	----	250	15	5	20	7	1	1	3	11	14	1	2	1	3	12	3	12
Vermontville	20	160	--	5	----	17	2	30	175	2	5,400	1	1,000	31	----	10	25	----	25	4	1	1	4	12	----	1	19	----	10	32	----	----
Winfield	60	147	--	3	10	55	3	34	150	3	4,200	1	300	42	----	----	8	----	8	----	----	----	----	5	6	----	41	----	----	----	----	----
Totals	552	6519	22	80	90	583	65	979	6529	59	$219,950	26	$28850	$15457	$5,747	$22155	$1,349	$553	$1,902	$234	$40	$29	$159	$171	$377	$38	$812	$354	$140	$835	$7	$465

STATISTICS NO. 3.—NILES DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of Charge.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support.							Support of Presiding Elders.		Support of Bishops.		Conference Claimants.				Current Expenses.	
		Claims.			Receipts.			Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Received from			Total.	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.						Collections.	Endowments.	Other Sources.			
Bangor and Breedsville	I. T. Weldon	$500	$100	$600	$500	$100	$600	------	$54	$46	------	$1	$10	------	------	$10	------	$50
Benton Harbor	W. P. French	1,300	300	1,600	1,300	300	1,600	------	150	150	$30	5	75	------	------	75	$550	125
Berrien Springs	A. N. Eldred	600	100	700	550	100	650	$50	53	53	------	5	30	------	------	30	75	73
Buchanan	W. W. Divine	750	150	900	750	150	900	------	69	69	------	5	22	------	------	22	160	102
Cassopolis	J. H. Thomas	700	144	844	700	144	844	------	61	61	8	5	30	------	------	30	150	75
Coloma and Watervliet	A. J. Wheeler	600	125	725	600	125	725	------	54	54	------	4	24	------	------	24	130	75
Decatur	G. W. Gosling	551	84	635	440	84	524	111	56	51	8	4	15	------	------	15	48	64
Dowagiac	G. C. Draper	1,000	144	1,144	812	144	956	188	80	68	------	4	50	------	------	50	121	63
Eau Claire	C. P. Birdsey	500	36	536	470	36	506	30	42	39	8	4	15	------	------	15	75	85
Edwardsburg	W. A. Prouty	600	100	700	500	100	600	100	51	41	------	5	30	------	------	30	100	35
Galien	S. I. Horr	450	70	520	392	28	420	100	40	26	6	2	20	------	------	20	45	50
Hartford	H. L. Potter	534	66	600	534	66	600	------	37	37	------	1	17	------	------	17	75	55
Keeler and Silver Creek	H. L. Rood	550	50	600	480	50	530	70	41	34	5	1	8	------	------	8	35	28
Lawrence	C. L. Keene	350	------	350	350	------	350	------	34	34	------	1	5	------	------	5	51	49
Lawton	A. S. Williams	600	100	700	607	100	707	------	50	50	8	8	25	------	------	25	180	56
Marcellus	L. L. Thomas	650	75	725	544	75	619	106	52	43	8	5	22	------	------	22	126	90
Mattawan	J. H. Emmons	500	36	536	420	36	456	80	46	46	6	3	25	------	------	25	75	50
Niles	Louis Grosenbaugh	1,000	200	1,200	1,000	200	1,200	------	124	124	16	11	43	------	------	43	325	125
Paw Paw	F. W. Corbett	600	125	725	600	125	725	------	51	51	8	4	20	------	------	20	150	60
Pakagon	W. J. Douglass	650	50	700	650	50	700	------	56	56	9	5	28	------	------	28	156	77
St. Joseph	R. H. Bready	1,100	200	1,300	1,100	200	1,500	------	95	95	16	4	80	------	------	80	350	127
Stevensville	W. H. Moore	500	50	550	500	50	550	------	42	42	4	2	15	------	------	15	75	56
Three Oaks	E. A. Tanner	625	------	625	342	------	342	283	52	48	11	2	10	------	------	10	105	50
Vandalia	H. H. Miller	500	72	572	408	72	480	92	43	25	5	2	14	------	------	14	125	55
Totals		$15,710	$2,377	$18,087	$14,549	$2,335	$17,084	$1,210	$1,433	$1,343	$156	$93	$633	------	------	$633	$3,282	$1,675

STATISTICS NOS. 1 AND 4.—NILES DISTRICT, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

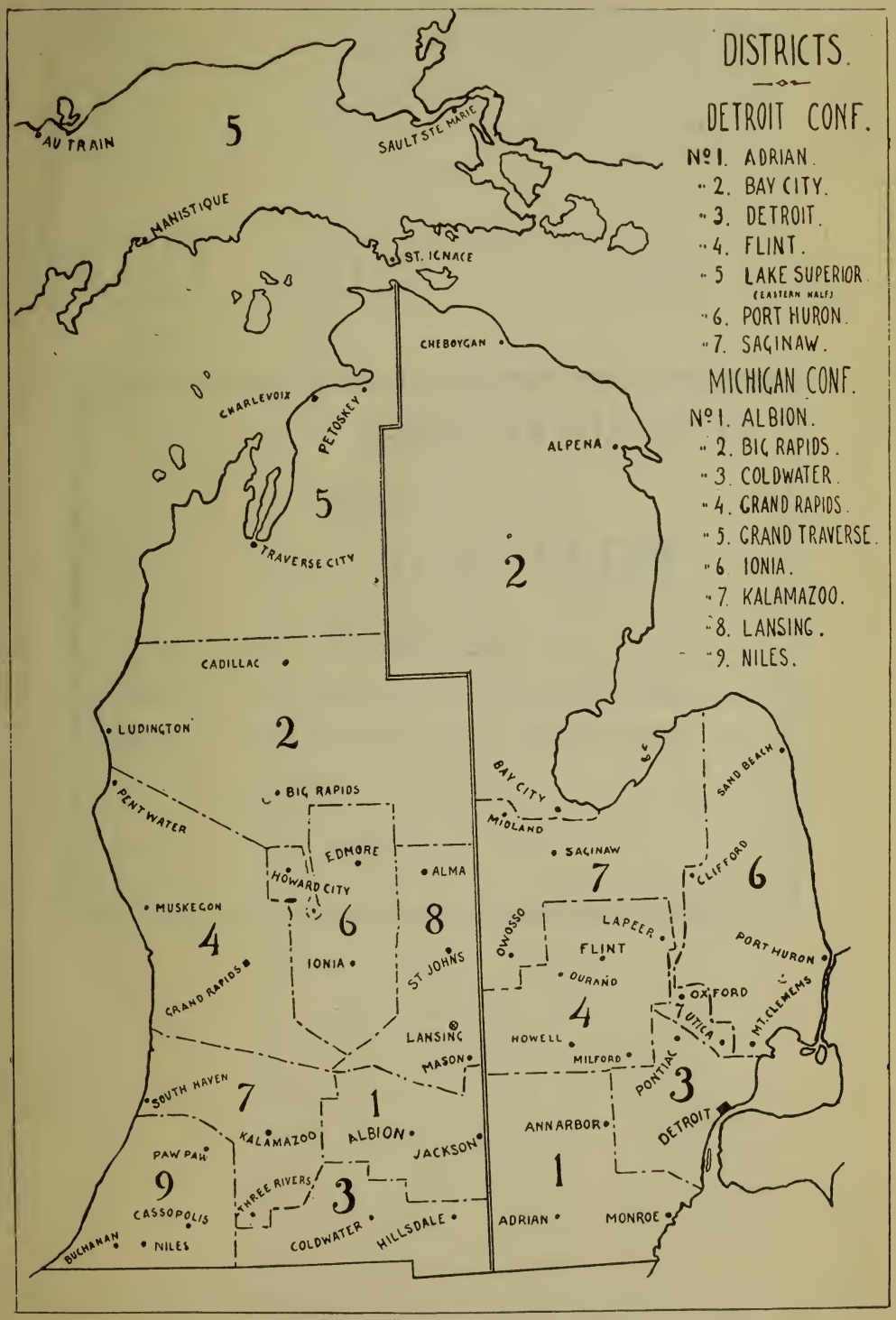
Name of Charge.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.							Benevolent Collections.																
																	Missions.							Education.									
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Pr'chers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	Church.	Sunday School.	Total.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and So. Educa'n Society.	Children's Fund.	Other Educational Objects.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants	General Con. Ex.	Other Collections.	Episcopal Residence.
Bangor & Breedsville	8	140	--	2	----	----	2	20	150	2	$3,200	1	$700	$15	$38	$27	$38	$3	$41	$1	$1	$1	$3	$3	$7	$1	----	----	$1	$10	--	----	--
Benton Harbor	10	354	1	7	5	10	1	40	350	1	20,000	1	3,500	------	------	3,000	30	100	130	10	2	2	10	----	35	2	$98	$87	5	75	--	----	--
Berrien Springs	20	148	--	4	----	18	3	48	226	2	3,000	1	1,000	15	------	150	34	17	51	5	1	1	5	2	9	1	46	----	5	30	--	----	--
Buchanan	15	207	1	6	----	21	1	36	260	1	3,000	1	1,200	60	------	200	60	20	80	10	1	1	5	7	8	1	60	----	5	22	--	----	--
Cassopolis	6	140	--	1	1	11	2	28	185	2	6,000	1	1,700	135	------	------	62	8	70	5	1	1	5	3	13	1	46	----	5	30	--	----	--
Coloma & Watervliet	31	224	1	4	----	13	3	33	317	3	5,000	1	1,200	25	302	198	33	17	50	10	2	2	5	7	8	1	2	----	4	24	--	----	--
Decatur	6	134	--	1	5	----	3	42	265	2	5,000	1	1,000	------	------	150	14	4	18	1	----	----	1	5	5	----	20	----	4	15	--	----	--
Dowagiac	9	245	2	3	----	----	1	22	187	1	5,500	--	------	------	------	1,000	17	23	100	10	1	1	5	4	11	1	40	----	4	50	--	$7	--
Eau Claire	8	150	2	1	----	10	4	36	225	4	4,000	1	400	325	------	375	34	----	34	6	1	1	5	----	5	1	----	----	4	15	--	----	--
Edwardsburg	3	158	--	--	1	3	2	35	150	2	8,000	1	1,200	150	------	350	35	----	35	6	1	1	7	----	5	1	----	----	5	30	--	----	--
Galien	20	83	1	--	7	7	3	39	225	3	3,800	--	------	68	30	180	16	----	16	----	----	----	----	2	3	----	----	----	2	20	--	----	--
Hartford	12	75	--	2	----	3	1	12	120	1	3,000	--	------	50	------	------	3	32	35	----	----	----	2	2	6	----	----	----	1	17	--	----	--
Keeler & Silver Creek	1	72	--	--	----	1	3	24	90	3	5,000	1	600	33	------	------	10	----	10	4	1	1	2	10	9	1	----	----	1	8	--	1	--
Lawrence	25	93	--	1	----	8	2	28	180	1	2,500	--	------	20	------	------	17	----	17	1	1	1	1	4	3	1	----	----	1	5	--	----	--
Lawton	10	161	1	3	----	16	2	28	192	1	2,000	1	500	30	------	------	56	20	76	12	2	1	8	4	16	2	----	----	8	25	$3	----	--
Marcellus	----	170	1	1	17	20	3	30	260	3	4,000	1	1,500	1,100	------	150	100	----	100	8	1	1	5	2	5	1	----	15	5	22	--	25	--
Mattawan	1	95	1	--	3	5	3	33	132	3	5,000	1	450	24	------	------	22	3	25	2	1	1	2	5	7	1	----	----	3	25	1	----	--
Niles	23	252	2	--	5	----	2	42	408	1	10,000	1	2,500	127	------	1,329	46	112	158	16	3	3	14	5	14	2	100	10	11	43	--	65	--
Paw Paw	8	128	--	4	----	2	1	19	130	1	7,000	1	1,000	90	------	250	47	3	50	8	1	1	5	3	10	1	16	----	4	20	--	3	--
Pokagon	9	159	1	6	----	5	5	52	236	5	7,000	1	500	22	19	300	48	2	50	7	1	1	5	2	11	1	31	60	5	28	--	----	--
St. Joseph	21	288	--	--	6	3	1	28	275	1	12,000	1	2,200	400	------	------	60	80	140	11	2	1	10	5	15	2	69	----	4	80	--	11	--
Stevensville	25	200	2	1	----	30	3	35	292	3	4,500	1	600	100	------	165	25	----	25	3	1	----	1	4	5	1	1	1	2	15	--	----	--
Three Oaks	----	172	2	--	----	----	3	45	137	4	5,700	1	300	50	------	------	40	----	40	5	----	----	3	----	5	----	----	----	2	10	--	----	--
Vandalia	18	136	--	2	----	----	4	40	170	6	7,000	1	650	100	220	300	20	2	22	4	1	1	3	3	4	1	----	----	2	14	--	----	$2
Totals	289	3984	18	49	50	186	57	795	5162	56	$141,200	20	$22700	$2,939	$609	$6,124	$927	$446	$1,373	$145	$26	$23	$112	$82	$219	$24	$529	$173	$93	$633	$4	$112	$2

STATISTICS NO. 3.—RECAPITULATION, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of District.	Name of Presiding Elder.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Claims. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Claims. Total.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Salary.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. House Rent.	Pastor's Support. Receipts. Total.	Pastor's Support. Deficiencies.	Support of Presiding Elder. Amount Appor.	Support of Presiding Elder. Amount Paid.	Support of Bishops. Amount Appor.	Support of Bishops. Amount Paid.	Conference Claimants. Received from. Collections.	Conference Claimants. Received from. Endowments.	Conference Claimants. Received from. Other Sources.	Conference Claimants. Total.	Current Exp. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Current Exp. S. S.: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
Albion	John Graham	$20,121	$2,149	$22,270	$19,620	$2,149	$21,769	$505	$1,469	$1,464	$207	$144	$996	------	----	$996	$6,480	$2,414
Big Rapids	L. E. Lennox	23,488	2,929	26,417	20,827	2,917	23,644	2,798	1,883	1,798	195	131	685	------	$15	700	4,159	2,420
Coldwater	R. W. Van Schoick	17,700	2,320	20,020	16,549	2,320	18,869	1,207	1,488	1,496	255	121	752	------	----	752	3,616	1,591
Grand Rapids	W. I. Cogshall	27,322	3,425	30,747	25,185	3,425	28,610	2,425	2,052	1,964	221	183	1,027	$215	9	1,251	7,312	2,595
Grand Traverse	E. L. Kellogg	15,759	1,910	17,569	14,000	1,850	15,850	1,819	1,064	962	78	70	281	------	3	284	2,564	1,498
Ionia	J. I. Buell	20,559	2,076	11,365	15,252	2,076	18,651	2,507	1,416	1,310	175	96	525	------	----	525	3,858	1,839
Kalamazoo	Levi Master	21,115	2,111	23,226	19,379	2,111	21,490	1,811	1,901	1,663	212	112	703	------	9	712	5,327	1,643
Lansing	Geo. S. Hickey	21,290	2,388	23,678	20,030	2,324	22,354	899	1,659	1,599	294	138	817	------	----	817	6,172	2,424
Niles	J. W. H. Carlisle	15,710	2,377	18,087	14,549	2,335	17,084	1,210	1,433	1,343	156	93	633	------	----	633	3,282	1,675
Totals		$183,064	$21,685	$193,379	$165,391	$21,507	$188,321	$15,181	$14,365	$13,599	$1,793	$1,088	$6,419	$215	$36	$6,670	$42,770	$18,099
Last year		184,939	20,571	205,460	174,546	20,524	195,020	11,947	14,652	13,085	1,845	1,196	6,545	233	20	6,797	41,385	17,811
Increase		------	$1,114	------	------	$983	------	$3,234	------	$514	------	------	------	$18	$16	------	$1,385	$288
Decrease		$1,875	------	$12,081	$9,145	------	$6,699	------	$297	------	$52	$108	$126	------	----	$128	------	------

STATISTICS NOS. 1 AND 4.—RECAPITULATION, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE FOR 1896.

Name of Charge.	Church Membership. No. of Probationers.	Church Membership. No. of Full Members.	Church Membership. No. of Local Preachers.	Church Membership. No. of Deaths.	Baptisms. No. of Child'n Baptized.	Baptisms. No. of Adults Baptized.	Sunday Schools. No. of Schools.	Sunday Schools. No. of Officers and Teachers.	Sunday Schools. No. of Schol'rs.	Church Property. No. of Churches.	Church Property. Probable Value.	Church Property. No. Parsonages.	Church Property. Probable Value.	Church Property. Paid for build'g and imp. C'hes and Par's'nges.	Church Property. Paid on old indebtedness on Church Prop'ty.	Church Property. Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Benevolent Collections. Missions. Church.	Benevolent Collections. Missions. Sunday School.	Benevolent Collections. Missions. Total.	Benevolent Collections. Board of Church Extension.	Benevolent Collections. S. S. Union.	Benevolent Collections. Tract Society.	Benevolent Collections. Freedmen's Aid and So. Education Society.	Benevolent Collections. Educ'n. Children's Fund.	Benevolent Collections. Educ'n. Other Educat'l Objects.	Benevolent Collections. Am. Bible Soc'ty.	Benevolent Collections. Woman's For'gn Miss'y Society.	Benevolent Collections. Woman's Home Mis'y Society.	Benevolent Collections. Episcopal Fund.	Benevolent Collections. Conference Claimants.	Benevolent Collections. Gen. Conf. Exp.	Benevolent Collections. Other Collections.
Albion	470	5937	34	91	87	380	59	930	5987	40	$225750	16	$16500	$6074	$3118	$5675	$2171	$643	$2814	$191	$54	$42	$151	$138	$949	$52	1409	$490	$144	$996	$9	2917
Big Rapids	1035	5294	35	82	218	514	104	1178	7614	77	164250	39	30150	6594	8554	12723	1020	387	1407	210	45	42	150	95	378	40	533	173	131	700	18	481
Coldwater	523	4961	28	70	70	343	61	846	4961	49	154600	24	24750	6356	2371	4683	1553	380	1940	155	33	30	125	91	207	34	603	281	121	752	---	83
Grand Rapids	615	6209	30	74	181	388	82	1084	7814	69	244600	33	36635	8454	4074	17180	1824	769	2588	234	58	56	156	129	350	58	1463	1385	183	1246	---	168
Grand Traverse	594	4125	33	60	143	202	83	880	5135	58	93100	30	20000	5819	2905	10335	756	158	913	101	26	22	75	62	115	23	273	111	70	284	9	70
Ionia	662	5218	17	58	70	381	78	982	5417	72	162600	27	21900	5590	1196	6352	856	373	1221	116	26	26	110	97	244	27	211	367	96	556	31	168
Kalamazoo	309	5347	12	69	68	290	62	863	5487	51	182500	28	26300	2556	1935	8021	1582	501	2083	209	41	39	151	137	346	47	901	494	112	712	43	210
Lansing	555	6519	22	80	90	583	65	979	6529	59	219950	26	28850	15457	5747	22155	1349	553	1902	234	40	29	159	171	377	38	770	354	140	817	7	465
Niles	289	3984	18	49	50	186	57	795	5162	56	141200	20	22700	2939	609	6124	927	446	1373	145	26	23	112	82	219	24	529	173	93	633	4	112
Total	5052	47594	229	633	977	3267	651	8537	54106	531	1588550	243	227785	99839	30509	93248	12043	4217	16260	1595	349	309	1189	1002	3185	343	6732	3828	1088	6670	121	4674
Last year	5811	45786	232	688	1114	3093	640	8349	54338	519	1608626	232	222230	72068	16406	88816	11657	4118	15775	1555	343	408	1237	1062	2873	381	7288	3220	1196	6797	715	3800
Increase	----	1808	----	----	----	174	11	188	------	12	------	11	$5555	$27771	$14103	$4432	$386	$99	$485	$40	$6	$1	------	----	$312	----	----	$608	----	----	----	$874
Decrease	759	--	3	55	137	----	-	----	232	---	$20176	---	------	------	------	------	----	----	----	----	---	---	$48	$60	----	$38	$556	----	$108	$128	594	----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